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Banks ease policies for typhoon survivors

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Mabelle Subang was finally able to claim her much needed financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after some banks in the CNMI agreed to ease their policies for Typhoon Soudelor survivors.

Subang said that Bank of Guam and FEMA called her to follow up and help her with her case. Finally, after more than two weeks from the time the money was first deposited in her account, she was able to claim it yesterday.

Subang is just one of the many residents on Saipan who had a hard time getting their fi-

nancial assistance from FEMA. This is because they applied for FEMA assistance in the name of their U.S. citizen child but the bank account where the money was deposited was in their name as the parent.

To get around this stumbling block, Micronesian Legal Services Corporation created a

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Kia'aina lauds CNMI recovery efforts

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A top federal official overseeing insular affairs lauded the CNMI's resiliency after Typhoon Soudelor, growing emotional at a press conference yesterday over the help given to the elderly during the recovery efforts.

Esther Kia'aina, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, said she is committed to leveraging all federal resources with the objective to help the CNMI government.

"My primary objective was to come and show support to the CNMI government and the people of the Northern Marianas [after] one of the most devastating natural disaster it has faced in modern history," she said of her trip.

"We have every intent on strategizing to determine what remaining fiscal 2015 funds, including for Capital Improvement Projects, might be able to be reprogrammed to meet the immediate needs of the Northern Marianas as well as to contemplate the use of fiscal [2016]

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WHITE HOUSE CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED 902 letter en route to Obama



Esther Kia'aina, Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas for the U.S. Department of Interior, speaks with Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday on the recovery efforts and mitigation plans after Typhoon Soudelor.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has written to President Barack Obama to initiate Section 902 consultation talks pursuant to the CNMI

Covenant. Inos disclosed yesterday that an official letter to trigger this formal con-

sultation is en route to the White House.

» **Kia'aina says 'grave concerns' will be discussed; US Labor, Homeland Security, Defense notified**

"Yes, the official notification is coming out imminently...in the next day or two on where we stand on the 902 [talks]," Inos said during a press conference with Esther Kia'aina, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, who has been briefed on the request.

The Covenant agreement established the political union between the CNMI and the United States more than three decades ago. Section 902 of the agreement allows for the CNMI or federal government to consult on issues "affecting the relationship between them." During this consultation, the CNMI and federal government designate special representatives to consult, report on, and make recommenda-

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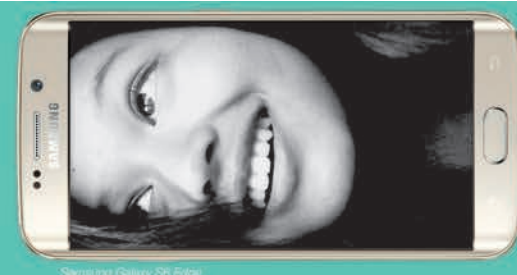


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Benny Pangelinan gets another 11-month prison term

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The federal court has revoked the probation of Benny K. Pangelinan after he admitted approaching again a relative that he previously swindled of more than \$20,000 to claim he has \$2 million in a bank but that he needed \$850 to pay a "Customs fee" for the release of the money.

Pangelinan, a former Coastal Resources Management official, has been twice convicted for his involvement in an Internet scam.

U.S. District Court for the

NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Tuesday ordered Pangelinan to spend 11 months in prison. Upon his release, he will be placed on 36 months of supervised release.

Pangelinan will remain free while waiting for the designation of a federal prison where he will serve his sentence. He is required to call the U.S. Marshal's Office every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday so he would know when to surrender and start serving his sentence.

The judge warned him of severe penalties if he fails to surrender.

Pangelinan is prohibited from

having any contact with his three victims and from accessing the Internet without prior written permission from the U.S. Probation Office.

He was also ordered to pay to the clerk of court \$32,825 in restitution for disbursement to the victims.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola said that Pangelinan still has a balance of \$26,525 on the restitution he owes his victims.

In his petition for revocation, Arriola disclosed that U.S. Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg received a call on June 17, 2015, from one of Pan-

gelinan's prior victims.

The victim disclosed that Pangelinan had stopped by her home on two occasions, asking for money so he could pay "Customs taxes" to release his money out of holding. The victim said she gave Pangelinan \$450.

The victim said Pangelinan informed them that there was money for him in a Bank of Guam account totaling \$2 million. He claimed that an individual was on Saipan to give him documents and a bank card that will give him access to that money. He did not elaborate on the identity of this person.

Pangelinan informed her that he needed \$850 to pay a "Customs fee" to have the money released to him, but did not have enough money to make the full payment.

At a revocation hearing on Tuesday, Steven Pixley, court-appointed counsel for Pangelinan, stated that the defendant would be admitting to the allegations that he made contact with the victims on May 28, June 4, and June 17, 2015. Pixley recommended that Pange-

linan's probation be extended and not revoked.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton agreed with the U.S. Probation's recommendation to impose a 12-month sentence.

In January 2007, a federal jury found Pangelinan guilty of wire fraud charges for defrauding potential investors and for his involvement in an Internet scam. He was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to pay \$129,250 in restitution to five victims.

CNMI CARE seeks more members

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The CNMI Commonwealth Advocates in Recovery Efforts or CARE is encouraging members of the business community to join them in their long-term recovery work on Saipan.

Speaking at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting at Kanoa Resort yesterday, CARE communications committee member Glen Hunter said they are constantly seeking new members.

"The CARE group is open to everyone, it is very inclusive," Hunter said. "It's seeking new members and those members that we're hoping to bring aboard...[are those] that can provide one of three things: money, manpower, or materials to address unmet needs."

CARE was formed in August and is composed of non-profit, private, faith-based and other organizations to address long-term recovery as well as unmet needs of the community.

Hunter said Chamber members could help by joining

CARE's bi-weekly meetings or by encouraging volunteer work among their companies.

Some of the things that CARE is focusing on right now are debris cleanup, repair, and rebuilding of homes.

"These are huge tasks that CARE will be focusing on [and] attempt to address," Hunter said.

CARE has seven committees: communications and resource development, donations and volunteer management, workforce recovery, spiritual and emotional care, disaster case management, construction, and public health.

"The group is continuously evolving based on the needs of the community," CARE interim facilitator Gerri Willis said.

CARE will be having its next meeting on Oct. 13 at the third floor of the TSL Plaza in Garapan.

For more information on CARE, visit their website at www.cnmicare.com.

"I encourage you to go to the website. Let us know if your company would like to join," Hunter said.

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Communications committee member Glen Hunter spoke of CNMI CARE's works and needs as they continue addressing long-term recovery in Saipan during the Chamber of Commerce general monthly meeting yesterday.

Probable cause found to charge man in hostage taking

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against Gordon Aldan Castro, a 27-year-old man accused of holding his family hostage for seven hours at his house in Afetnas.

After hearing the witnesses' testimony and counsels' arguments during Tuesday's preliminary hearing, Camacho ordered Castro to answer the charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, and disturbing the peace.

Arraignment will be on Oct. 19, 2015, at 9am.

After the hearing, Castro was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley called to the witness stand Rudolpho Hermosilla, who basically narrated to the court the circumstances leading to the suspect's arrest.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer called to the witness stand Castro's common-law wife and one of their children.

According to the charges, Castro held his family hostage on Sept. 26, 2015, threatening his common-law-wife with a knife if police wouldn't leave while confining her and their

two minor children to the house. The seven-hour hostage drama began at 10:42pm.

Castro allegedly threatened to kill his wife while holding a knife to her neck, causing her to scream, "Let me go! You're hurting me!"

Castro was already sleeping with his family when members of the Department of Public Safety's Special Enforcement and Action Section entered the house on Sept. 27 at 5:46am, according to police detective Therese S. Kintoki in her report.

Kintoki said that when SEAS officers got inside the house at 5:46am, Castro was sleeping on the couch beside his wife while their two children were on the other side of

the couch.

Kintoki said the wife and two children, ages 9 and 3, were escorted out and exam-

ined by medics, while Castro was arrested and brought to the Department of Corrections. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Defunct garment factory is renovated as workers' dorms

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Anticipating a construction boom on Saipan, a company is renovating the former barracks of a defunct garment factory in Tanapag to house construction workers.

The CNMI Zoning Board on Monday night unanimously approved the conditional use application of Castle Project (CNMI) LLC to renovate the existing warehouse structures formerly used by Top Fashion Garment Factory as a barracks for their employees.

Zoning Board administrator Therese Ogunoro presented to the board Castle Project's renovation and restoration of the four buildings to create 136 housing units.

Concerned citizen Paul Zak questioned why the company is just applying now for a zoning permit when it has already started renovation work.

Zoning Board chair Diego Blanco said they caught the company already remodeling but that they understand that such thing happens. He said the Zoning Office already checked if the company has other necessary permits.

Attorney Michael Dotts, counsel for Castle Projects, said the structures used to be Top Fash-

ion's factory and housing that was occupied by 300 workers.

Dotts said the plan is to have four people occupy per unit.

Dotts said the company is making sure that they are in compliance with OSHA and Department of Public Works regulations in terms of occupancy limits.

"This company is putting a lot of money to meet standards, to exceed CNMI standards," he said.

Castle Projects' estimated budget for the project is \$550,000.

Dotts said the dormitories would initially be used to house male construction workers. The units will later be used to house hotel workers as the project "will move with the flow," he said.

Dotts said the reality is that there is shortage of housing on Saipan so the company's project will meet the housing shortage.

Responding to concerns about the lack of parking spaces, Dotts said this is industrial housing and so workers will be provided transportation to their jobsites.

Board member Bruce Bateman said he is happy to approve the application. Board chair Blanco and members Joe Ayuyu Jr. and Herman Sablan all voted in favor of the application.

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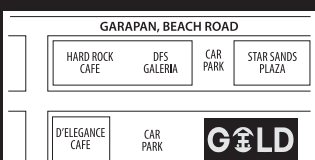
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'Build better, stronger and safer'

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This was the message discussed by representatives of the Department of Public Works and the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general monthly meeting yesterday.

Showing pictures of destroyed homes and damaged buildings after Typhoon Soudelor, acting building safety official Tom Deleon Guerrero said construction practices in the CNMI has to change.

"As you can see, there is so much damage, left and right. What went wrong? All that this is, the building practices in the CNMI, we need to get out there and build, better, safer, stronger," Deleon Guer-

rero said.

"We want to try to make sure that all of the connections, from the roof to the wall to the floor, are securely fastened," he added.

Deleon Guerrero discussed some of the ways of how building better can be achieved.

Starting with the roof, Deleon Guerrero said proper nails should be used and that they should be spaced properly. Washered roofing nails with an annular ring shank of at least 3 inches long and spaced at 6 inches on center throughout the perimeter of the roof and spaced at 12 inches on center throughout the interior field must be used.

A better truss system can also be achieved by using two by six treated lumber as well as metal connector plates and

hurricane ties or straps.

For walls, Deleon Guerrero said wooden wall studs must be spaced no further than 24 inches on center. For concrete masonry walls, horizontal and vertical reinforcements must be used.

Better floor connections can also be achieved by installing J bolts and hurricane ties or straps.

Residents can also seek the help of the Building Safety Code Division.

"The Building Safety Division is really there to help the community and the public," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said they currently have two basic designs, load-compliant house plans available at the BSC office and are working to have six more house plans to help the rebuilding ef-

forts in the community. They are also working with hardware stores to bring in new material, technology, and required construction hardware.

For their part, FEMA said it is very important to do mitigation steps now.

"I know we're thinking right now of recovery but while you are in the midst of rebuilding and recovery, it's so important to go the extra mile, take those steps to build better, safer, stronger," said Susan Langhoff, FEMA private sector division assistant external affairs officer.

Hazard mitigation branch director John Synnott added that the key is for people who are rebuilding to work with the DPW.

"The one thing I do know, and I have learned in 22 years [with FEMA] is that mitigation works," Synnott said.

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and 2017] funds to that end," Kia'aina told reporters.

On Tuesday, Kia'aina met with the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and Commonwealth Utilities Corp.—three of the hardest hit public agencies hit by the storm.

"I went to the Aging Center as well, which was for those individuals who needed critical care" or have health care needs that needed electricity "before they moved back to homes," she said.

"There were two families that were left. I heard praise from the federal agencies on all fronts. They have been completely amazed by the professionalism, cooperation, and dedication of the CNMI government as well as the resiliency of the people of the Northern Marianas. I need to tell you that was pretty touching to me," Kia'aina said.

"What was more touching was they said that," she continued, growing emotional, with tears visibly forming in her eyes. "That the quality of care that was given to the people of Aging Center, they were shocked. And I am thinking that if the government and the people rally to

do the debris removal and cleanup and then still care about yours seniors and those families in greatest need—that is a testament to the people of the Northern Marianas and the government and that needs to be applauded."

"I know full well of the impacts of typhoons. I was raised in Guam. I was there during 1976 when Super Typhoon Pamela hit. I was horrified, I thought the whole house was going to blow up and be sucked into a tornado-like environment.

"And I've heard from almost everybody that I've talked to here. That for a short period of time—apart from being stunned because they weren't expecting the winds—being stunned by the devastation and being afraid for their lives. That story is not being told enough.

"I am amazed at coming here and seeing the cleanliness of the island. I see the collaboration" and the resiliency of the people.

"This is a model case study of what should occur if something so devastating happens. ...I have confidence that in our long term hazardous mitigation plans the people of the Northern Marianas will be stronger when something of this magnitude hits again," she said.

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tions on issues affecting their political relationship.

Saipan Tribune has learned over the last few weeks of two issues that the Inos administration believes is relevant to the Covenant. One is the U.S. military's intent to acquire new land and alter previous lease agreements for live-fire training and bombing purposes on Tinian and Pagan. Another is the impending expiration of the contract worker program in 2019, which will potentially zero out the 14,000 non-U.S. citizen workers who live and work in the CNMI and contribute to its economy.

Copies of the official 902 request have been embargoed by the Inos administration until the White House confirms its receipt. But the central issues of the requested 902 talks were discussed during the press conference yesterday.

Kia'iana said the request for 902 talks is an appropriate way for the CNMI to raise its concerns with the federal government.

"It's a right and avenue under the Covenant," Kia'aina said, noting that it would allow the CNMI to engage with the entire Executive Branch and the White House.

Kia'aina said that Inos has a close relationship with the Department of the Interior and the Office of Insular Affairs but that "902 consultation is consultations with the White House and the entire Executive Branch" and another avenue for interrelations between the United States and the CNMI.

"...It's powerful," she said.

Kia'aina said she has already notified the White House and the U.S. departments of Labor, Homeland Security, and Defense about the possibility of such a letter.

"DC is a lonely world," Kia'aina said. "We cannot be your only advocates. ...It's critically important for the White House and other federal agencies to know the people and what the government of the Marianas is facing at this time."

"It is the transition to a tourism-driven economy, and the potential of proposed federal activities that have been of grave concern to the people. And it also includes the looming deadline of 2019—an absolute deadline [for the CW program].

"Prior to last November, it was not absolute. You [now] have an absolute deadline come Dec. 31 in 2019; the CW workers will be zeroed out. That should be, I think, on top of the mind for everybody," Kia'aina said.

CW issue

Under the Covenant signed in 1978, the CNMI was given control of local immigration with the intent for a limited flow of foreign workers. In the years following the agreement, though, a liberal influx of foreign workers were allowed through legislation, moving thousands of immigrants from the Philippines and China to support a growing garment and tourism industry.

Between 1980 and 2000, the CNMI population increased from about 16,800 to 69,000. In 2000, 58 percent of the local population was born in a foreign country.

But the end of favorable international labor agreements shifted garment operations to cheaper locations. Another nail to the industry—Public Law 110-229—transferred local immigration control to the federal government and allowed for a transition period to end in 2014. That transition period was extended last year to 2019, the current and absolute deadline the CNMI now faces.

With 14,000 CW visas allotted in 2014, according to Homeland Security statistics, and the projected growth in hotel-casino developments, officials fear the program's end poses economic ramifications that would be severe.

"I have grave concerns about that implication for the CNMI's overall economy," Kia'aina said yesterday. "The law did not just say [the program] would end in 2019. It took away the discretionary authority of the U.S. Labor Secretary to determine whether or not the CNMI has an extension. That, to me, is of grave concern. Because it is now absolute."

Kia'aina said she has asked for data to inform "better policy decisions" and work in concert with Congress. That data could be furnished by the Office of Insular Affairs or local agencies, she said.

"There needs to be a policy analysis component that is missing at the moment," Kia'aina said, referring to how the CNMI currently suffers from a devastating lack of federal and local data. How many of the labor force is unemployed or how educated is the population, or even the current population count, are simple but crucial points to begin planning.

"Given the critical nature of the transition for the CNMI's economy from the garment industry in the 1990s to where tourism is the driving lead, I think it is important to have the right economic data and what it means," Kia'aina said. "I believe the immigration-labor issue is the top issue that's facing the CNMI economy. Everything else is attendant to that."

The 902 letter

A hard copy of the 902 letter is being hand-carried to Washington, D.C. by Jason Osbourne, a lobbyist who's been hired by the Inos administra-

tion for public relations and support in the U.S. capitol.

Inos' signature was written on the 14th draft of the letter. A draft had also been shared with OIA for comment.

Osbourne was set to deliver the letter to the National Governors Association last night, who would then pass it on to the White House.

Administration officials have been working on the 902 talks since February. Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres first raised the issue with Kia'aina during a trip that month to the Inter-agency Group on Insular Areas' plenary session in Washington, D.C.

Officials have also reached out to the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP). In March, Osbourne reportedly spoke with Sablan's chief-of-staff, Bob Schwalbach. From that meeting, it was decided that 902 talks would be limited to the scope of specific, important topics.

In July, Inos officials met with Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) and Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) to discuss topics and strategy for the 902 talks. The lawmakers chair committees on federal relations in the Legislature.

The letter en route to the White House was signed last Friday, Oct. 2.

The letter aims to fulfill a goal and priority set by Inos during his inauguration speech last November.

Throughout the letter's development, officials have been studying records of previous 902 talks held by past administrations. Officials believe previous 902 talks were not as effective as intended because of the broad range of issues brought to the table, as well as the dramatic differences in opinion between the CNMI and the federal government over issues like the federalization of immigration in the Commonwealth.

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form called "Statement of Parent/Person Indorsing on Behalf of Minor Child," that the parent has to sign when withdrawing the FEMA aid.

"I signed the form as a parent endorsing a child," Subang said.

This form, which authorizes parents to handle banking transactions for their children, is now accepted by five banks in the CNMI.

According to a statement from the Office of the Governor, the CNMI government, FEMA, MLSC, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce worked with the banks toward a resolution through a public-private partnership.

These banks—Bank of Guam, Bank of Saipan, Bank-Pacific, City Trust Bank, and First Hawaiian Bank—have agreed to ease their policies.

"My office has been working in close coordination with President Obama's representative, Mr. Stephen DeBlasio, [federal coordinating officer] FEMA, on this matter as well as our local banking institutions, the Chamber, and MLSC," said Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman, who is also the CNMI banking director.

"I appreciate the accommodations provided by the participating banks to ease the burden on survivors who truly need their funds to rebuild their homes and property. This is part of the banking institutions meeting the needs of the survivors under

the Community Reinvestment Act," he added.

Aside from payments going to a member of a qualifying household who is not the owner of the household's bank account, there were also problems with survivors who don't have bank accounts.

As survivor assistance funds are not drawn on any bank but on the U.S. Treasury Department, banks also will typically not cash checks for people who do not have an account with them unless the check is drawn on that bank.

Most banks would also not honor a check or electronically transferred funds (ACH) made out to a minor child and endorsed by the parent.

Survivors who did open an account still could not immediately access their money because the banks put a hold on funds in newly created accounts for periods of time varying between one and 30 days. This results in a delay in the survivors' ability to rebuild.

Most of the five banks said they also would modify their hold policy for those with a signed form.

These forms have been translated into Carolinian, Chamorro, Korean, Simplified Chinese, and Tagalog and are available at the participating banks or from MLSC.

Rabauliman also encouraged other banks to participate in easing their policies.

"For those bank institutions who are not participating at this time, I encourage them to do so," he said.

Department of Fish and Wildlife's Pete Perez interviews three interested students yesterday afternoon during the Public School System's Cooperative Education Job Fair at Saipan World Resort.

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150 students take part in PSS co-op job fair

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The Public School System Cooperative Training and Job Fair was held yesterday afternoon at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort, bringing together about 150 public high school students to see what is available in the job market.

The PSS cooperative education program is a high school course that integrates classroom instruction and on-the-job training. It covers résumé drafting, financial literacy, money management, and career management, among other things.

"In the classroom we teach them about how to get a job, taking an interview, and the students here are not wearing their daily attire today, because we also stress professionalism in the program," PSS co-op coordinator Christopher Tenorio said. "This will get these students the work experience during high school and when they graduate from high school they have certain skills that they can transfer when venturing off into the world."

Tenorio said at least 65 companies participated in the job fair, including hotels, private firms, government agencies, and restaurants, among others.

"We had some companies actually showing up today asking to be a part of the program," he said.

Tenorio said that PSS has been doing the program for quite some time now but recently expanded it to include more companies. In the past, the program just had between 20 and 50 companies.

"We're looking to expand more. This is only for public high schools: Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School, and Kagman High School," he said.

The job fair started at 1pm

and ended at 4pm, giving students ample time to get to know several companies and hopefully set up an interview.

"After the job fair, the companies set up interview dates for the students. The students will then report to the actual business and learn from there. We don't place the students in jobs; the students have to interview for the job and accept the offer," he said.

Tenorio said that about five teachers handle the co-op program in different high schools on Saipan.

Diann Torres, co-op teacher at SSHS, said it is her first time to handle the program. She has 22 students under her and they were all at the job fair.

"This year I took a new role as a co-op teacher. The students under me are all scattered around in hopes of finding a job to train in. I hope that by tomorrow some of the students will call and say that they can't be in class because they have a job interview," Torres said.

One student under Torres, Isaac Anderson, 18, said he is excited about the job fair this year.

"I've hit G4S, Pacific Islands Club, Laolao Bay Golf and Resort, and Coral Ocean Point so far," Anderson said.

He said he wanted to learn more about tourism since Saipan is a tourism-based economy. "I want to be able to interact with tourists and learn about other cultures in the process. The class under co-op is spot on and I can't wait to take it again next year."

PSS co-op program also inviting more companies to join the program. Interested companies can contact Tenorio at PSS.

"I am pleased with the turnout today and excited to see that the companies are here and are investing in these children," Tenorio said.

Int'l Coastal Cleanup on Nov. 14


Saipan will be participating in the 30th Annual International Coastal Cleanup, joining the global community to work toward trash-free seas by coordinating beach cleanups all over the CNMI islands. Rota and Tinian ICC took place on Sept. 20, 2015. Due to Typhoon Soudebor, Saipan's ICC is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015.

Last year the CNMI had 1,347 participants pick up 17,765 lbs of trash that included plastic bags, straw wrappers, and cigarette butts. This year

we are aiming to increase the number of participants across the islands.

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality is encouraging businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals to spend a few hours cleaning up trash from our land, waterways, and oceans. We invite you to sign up for the event and volunteer to clean up or host a cleanup with our help. To sign up or for further information, contact ICC Saipan coordinator Jihan Buniag at 664-8500. (BECQ)






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Man forges housing check of injured *man'amko*

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed yesterday a 29-day prison term on a man who forged the government housing check in the

amount of \$104 belonging to his elderly aunt who was in the hospital recovering from injuries due to physical abuse.

Camacho sentenced Fred Takada to the maximum of one-year imprisonment, all suspended except for 29 days,

for theft.

Takada, in his 30s and with no prior criminal record, was given credit for 29 days of time served. That means he will no longer serve time in prison.

Takada was placed on one year of supervised probation

and required to perform 100 hours of community service, pay \$25 in court costs and \$100 probation fee.

Takada was ordered to pay \$104 in restitution to the victim.

Camacho noted that the de-

fendant forged her signature on the check and that he did cause her injuries.

Takada and his counsel, Robert Myers Jr., signed a plea deal with the government, represented by assistant attorney general Emily Cohen.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Takada stole \$104 from the victim on Feb. 5, 2015, on Saipan.

Cohen recommended a sentence of nine months in prison. She said that in this case, the victim was in the hospital recovering from the injuries she sustained after being beaten up by her own son.

While the victim was in the hospital, Cohen said, the defendant took her housing check, cashed it, and kept the money.

The prosecutor said the check was the victim's government housing check.

She said the victim was very ill and is very poor and that Takada preyed on a victim that was already vulnerable because of the abuse she received from someone else.

Cohen said the victim is 63 years old and that the sentence should reflect that Takada has taken advantage of a *man'amko*.

Myers recommended a probation sentence, arguing that the defendant has no criminal record and that this case is not the typical theft of a lot of money.

Myers said his client has accepted responsibility for what he had done.

Renovation work at Tinian airport terminals kicks off

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REPORTER

Construction work is ongoing to improve the departure and arrival terminals at the Tinian International Airport.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive assistant Wendi Prater, who is spearheading the project under CPA executive director Maryann Lizama, said the contractor began work on their

site office and staging area on Aug. 24, 2015, which was an extension they received from CPA due to damage to their office brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

"They began actual work on the airport terminal last Sept. 28 and construction is now ongoing," Prater told *Saipan Tribune*.

Lizama said the groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 17 on Tinian—after four years of project delays and an initial

groundbreaking for the terminal's improvements.

The project includes construction of a new restroom at the departure terminal and replacement of the high roof and waterproofing of the low roof of the existing terminal.

The project aims to make the departure terminal structurally sound. It includes renovations to make the departure terminal compliant with the American

with Disabilities Act. It will install a new baggage conveyor system and repaint the arrival terminal and include other interior and exterior improvements.

CPA, though contractor ASC Corp., set a completion time of 270 days. SSFM CNMI, LLC is the construction manager. The contract amount is \$1,944,610. The notice to proceed was given on June 22. A completion date is eyed for March 18, 2016.

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
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3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

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2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
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2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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KOLONIA, Yap—As part of ongoing improvements to disaster response in the Federated States of Micronesia, emergency operations center management training has commenced in Yap state this week.

The EOC training, supported by the European Union's Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project, and implemented in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, is a capacity building initiative to improve the response to natural disasters such as Typhoon Maysak that devastated the country in early 2015.

Yap State disaster coordinating officer Maria Laaw stated that Typhoon Maysak exposed a number of areas that needed strengthening, one of which is the emergency operations center management.

At present, there is no standard operating procedure to assist in the management of the emergency operation center, which posed a great challenge during Typhoon Maysak response operations.

The training was facilitated by two regional trainers provided by the Fiji government and SPC.

Follow-up support will be carried out on the development of an EOC Standard Operating Procedure that will encompass the training contents and will be available to be used in response to future emergencies.

The training will conclude on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, with a simulation exercise.

The emergency operation center management training will also be conducted in Chuuk State on Oct. 12-16, 2015. **(SPC)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Catch KSPN2 News on radio and Internet

With Docomo cable TV still down due to Typhoon Soudelor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at www.kspn2.com. For a higher quality, more mobile-friendly option after 8pm, check out www.saipantv.com. **(PR)**

Kagman Elementary School Open House today

Kagman Elementary School would like to invite the public to its annual Parent/Student Open House today, Oct. 8, 2015, at 4:30pm. The Open House will allow parents and students to be informed and engage in fun-filled activities with prizes regarding our English Language Arts Curriculum, STEM Curriculum, and School Policies. Light refreshments will be provided. In addition, all parents and guardians who attend will have their names collected for the end-of-school-year raffle drawing at a chance to win tablets, e-readers, and other cool techy stuff. **(PR)**

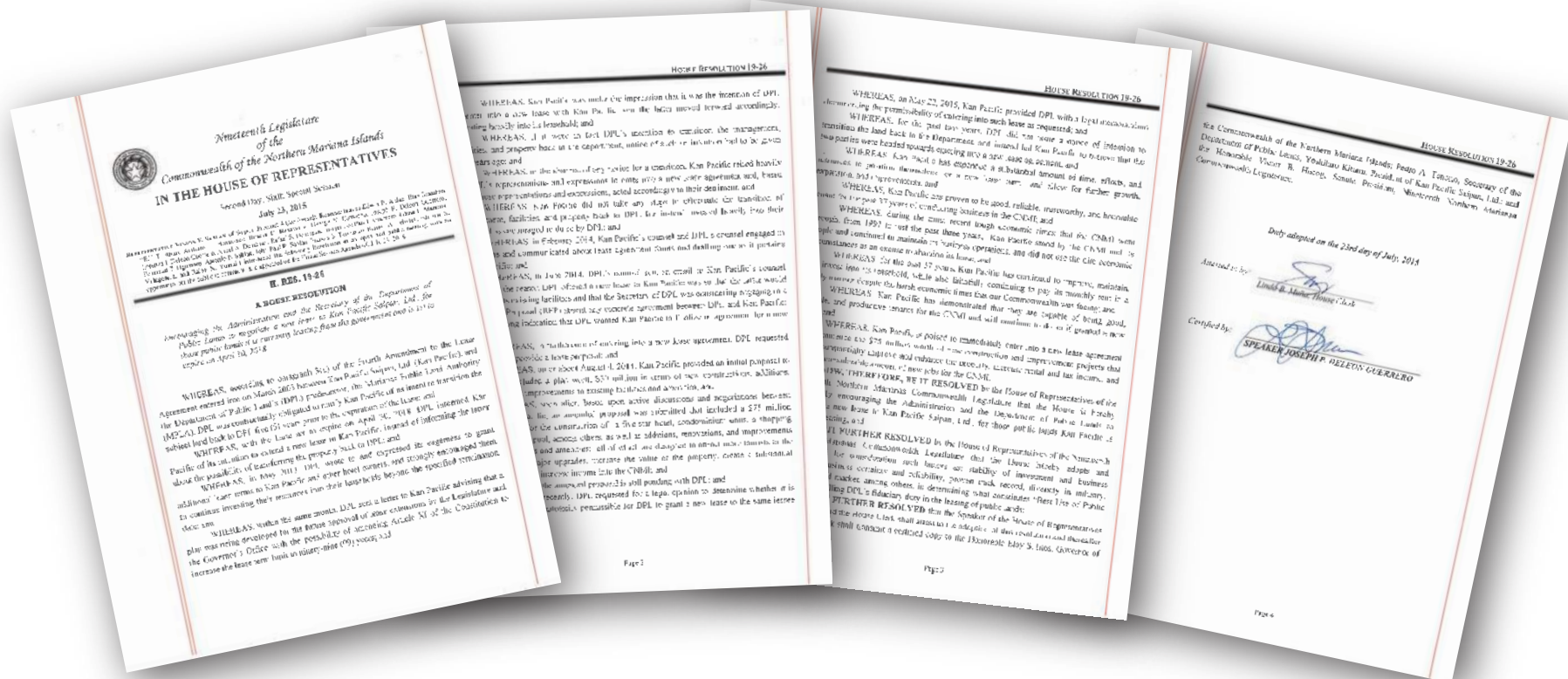
Navy training at Warning Area 517

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 today, Oct. 8, from noon to 8pm. The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the dates and times indicated. W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. **(PR)**

SLLBI 2016 board elections on Oct. 10

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its general membership meeting for the election of 2016 board members on Oct. 10, 9am at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. All managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Pidling Tenorio at 285-1024. **(PR)**

On July 23, 2015, the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 19-26 to encourage the renewal of Kan Pacific's lease.



“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature that the House is hereby respectfully encouraging the Administration and the Department of Public Lands to negotiate a new lease to Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd., for those public lands Kan Pacific is currently leasing ...”

The House of Representative supports renewing Kan Pacific's lease

You should, too!

(You can read the resolution at our Facebook page, [facebook.com/FriendsofMarianaResort](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofMarianaResort))



Renewing Kan Pacific's lease is economically responsible, makes good sense and is simply the right thing to do for our island and our families.

SHRM national officer to speak at Oct. meeting

Scott Ferrin, National Field Service Director for the Society for Human Resource Management, will be a special guest speaker at the NMI Chapter's October general membership meeting. Ferrin will present on the topic, "Successful HR Strategies for Building an Ethical Workplace Culture."

The Chapter's 2015 president, Frank Gibson, invites all managers and human resource professionals to attend. "Nowadays we are all concerned with the ethical status of our workplace. This will be a topic of special interest to all that will help managers and human re-

source staff assess the degree to which their organization has an ethical culture."

The presentation will include the steps needed to build an even stronger ethical structure that will contribute to business success. Ferrin will discuss the current status of workplace ethics, the reasons good ethics equal good business, the elements of an ethical workplace culture, HR strategies to build a stronger culture, and the impor-

tance of ethical practice as an HR competency.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to gain tools and knowledge for a self-examination of their workplace culture.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuavera by phone at 234-1795 or by email at coroffice@triplejsaipan.com or by email to Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

The Society for Human Resource Management is the world's largest association de-

voted to human resource management. The Society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, you can visit their website at <http://nmi-chapter.shrm.org>. (SHRM)

Kagman High student named to national honors society

ATLANTA, GA—

The National Society of High School Scholars recently announced that Mikeala A. San Nicolas from Saipan has been selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship, and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS founder and chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Mikeala has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Mikeala is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

San Nicolas is the daughter of Michael H. and Carla A. San Nicolas.

NSHSS president James W. Lewis said the Society provides lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth



San Nicolas

and development. "We aim to help students like Mikeala build on their academic success by connecting them with unique learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and

meaningful careers."

NSHSS members become lifetime members. At each step along the way—from high school to college to career—NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving millennials through unique learning experiences, scholars/ups, internships, international study and peer networks. Currently there are more than 1,000,000 Society members in 160 countries. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org. (PR)

Public warned of high surf until Saturday

A large north swell from former Typhoon Choi-Wan will produce high surf for the next few days, according to the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Saturday. Expect hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet along north facing reefs today, Thursday, will diminish to 8 to 10 feet on Friday. Surf is expected to remain hazardous through Saturday.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6pm today. Seas of 9 to 10 feet will produce

hazardous conditions for operators of small craft today, Thursday. Seas should fall to below 10 feet by this evening.

The public is being advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches. Those operating smaller vessels should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary avoid sailing near reef lines and shoaling areas. Exercise caution when entering or leaving harbors and inlets as breaking waves can easily capsize a vessel. (HSEM)



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CHARITABLE HEARTS

Bridge Capital LLC donates \$1,000 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association as part of the celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Photo shows, from left, Bridge Capital's Joe Guerrero, Business Development manager; Carmen Hasselback, Human Resource/office manager; Jody Jordahl, Bridge Capital VP and COO; Lauri B. Ogumoro, CCA president; Bobbie Grizzard, CCA secretary; Maggie Camacho, CCA treasurer; Clay Crawford, Bridge Capital CFO; and Juan L. Babauta, CCA executive director.

Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday

In celebration of the 98th anniversary of Apparition of Our Blessed Mother and the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Portugal, Dr. Celia Lamkin, Rosary Rally captain for the CNMI and Guam, in collaboration with the El Shaddai Charismatic Group Saipan, would like to invite everyone to join the 2015 Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion, across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, Beach Road,

Susupe, Saipan. In Guam, the rosary crusade will be held at the Mayor's Park Pavilion across ITC Building, corner Marine Corps Drive and San Antonio Road, Tamuning, Guam.

As of today, there are 14,432 rallies in the U.S. including Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Hawaii, Africa, and other parts of the world sponsored by America Needs Fatima.

The actual rosary rally starts at noon. This is very important as it is near the time when the

miracle of the sun took place in Fatima in Oct. 13, 1917.

"We wish to honor Our Lady and Our Lord within this time frame," said Lamkin.

This is the fifth year that Lamkin will be the Rosary Rally captain. In 2011, Lamkin, together with the late Escolastica "Esco" Cabrera, held the rosary crusade in front of Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Susupe.

"This year has been a very tragic and traumatic year for my family because of the so many trials we have experienced and encountered, starting with the confinement of my father at the intensive care unit in a Manila hospital from January to February and April until his death on May 13, 2015. While I was still grieving, an oral surgery was done to my youngest son in June. Another tragedy came in August and lasted for more than a month. I thought that was the last trial for this year. In September, I got sick, which could have warranted a major

operation. I could not imagine myself with this sickness in addition to my heart condition and five heart attacks. Miracles happened. When we pray and trust God, nothing is impossible in His will. God is the greatest healer and best physician," said Lamkin.

"I had the same experience in 2013 when my eldest brother was operated and diagnosed with stage 3A colon cancer and no chemotherapy was administered. During the 2013 Rosary Rally, the faithful and I prayed that he would be healed completely. It has been two years and my brother is still alive and had never taken any chemotherapy since 2013. This is a real miracle from God. Thank you very much our Almighty God! Thank you very much for the intervention of Our Blessed Mother," added Lamkin.

For more information on the rosary crusade, call Sr. Minda Guiao at (670) 286-3140 for Saipan and John at (671) 989-5855 for Guam. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy, happy birthday greetings go out to Ezell! You're our super Hulk. Mommy Tin, Daddy Les, and the cubs love you lots!

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Belated happy birthday to Madilyn Rose, center, who celebrated her 13th birthday on Oct. 5, and a special happy birthday to Ha'ani Marie Flores, left, who is celebrating her fourth birthday today, and to Jayley Jo' Mendiola, right, who is marking her second birthday also today, Oct. 8! Wishing you all the best and many more to come! Love always, your family!

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SYP members and MCS volunteer for PCF 5K Run



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Members of the Saipan Young Professionals Committee have their picture taken while volunteering for the Pacific Century Fellows 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The Saipan Young Professionals Committee volunteered for the Pacific Century Fellows 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 3. They teamed up with student volunteers from Mount Carmel School at the run's hydration station, working together to assemble, organize, and distribute water and fruits to the participants before and after the run.

"We thought that this would be a wonderful volunteer opportunity and we're grateful for the students from Mount Carmel School who were able to assist

us in keeping the runners hydrated," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu.

She said the event brought a positive collaboration of various organizations to support a worthy cause. "Our SYP Committee supports leadership development programs and other cohorts of young professionals on island including the Pacific Century Fellows."

A few SYP members are also members of the Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter. SYP co-chair Bobby Cruz, SYP member Velma Palacios, and

Chris Concepcion are graduates of the PCF 2014 Class. Ayuyu and SYP member Rose Aldan join this year's 2015 Class.

"We've experienced, first hand, the value that the PCF program provides. Participating in this event and inviting high school students to join us helps us highlight the importance of including our youth in community-service events. This also gives us the opportunity to introduce students to a program that they may be interested in being a part of in the future," said Ayuyu.



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Saipan Young Professionals Committee chair Mable Ayuyu poses with Mount Carmel School volunteers.

SYP members shared that the volunteer effort was a fun way to start their weekend.

The Saipan Young Professionals Committee would like to thank its members for volunteering at the event. "We'd also like to send a thank you to our Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and our businesses partners for donating to the event," said Ayuyu.

The committee also extends their appreciation to MCS Stuco president Thomas Manglona II, MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and the MCS Knights including Andrea Bang, Cosmos Kim, SoHyun Kwon and Ho Bin Lee for teaming up with SYP.

The committee looks forward to collaborating with more students in their future volunteer

events. For more information on any upcoming programs or events under the Saipan Young Professionals Committee or the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, contact the Chamber office at 234-7150 or visit their website (www.saipanchamber.com) or Facebook page. The Chamber office is located at Suite 315, 3rd floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. (SCC)

TO HELP IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS OF MILLIONS 'Better Pacific fisheries and agriculture statistics'

NADI, Fiji—Planners, statisticians and policy makers from 13 Pacific Island countries are gathered in Nadi, Fiji, this week to improve the collection and use of agricultural and fisheries statistics in the Pacific.

Timely and accurate statistics will help governments make evidence-based policy decisions and monitor the successful implementation of policy objectives.

The workshop on "Strategic Planning for Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics for Pacific Island Countries" is organized by the European Union supported Pacific Agriculture Policy Project, which is implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, through its Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics initiative, is also lending its technical expertise to the event, which concludes on Oct. 9.

The Pacific has approximately 11 million people, of which nearly eight million live in rural areas (73 percent) and largely rely on agriculture and fisheries for their livelihoods but long-term exposure to the adverse effects of climate change and frequent natural disasters make Pacific rural populations particularly vulnerable.

Improved statistics systems

enable countries to better understand the impact of demographic changes, such as changing demand for natural resources, as well as the effects of extreme weather conditions and climate change on their food security and wellbeing.

"I am a strong advocate for better use of statistics and data within the agriculture sector and look forward to hearing our combined recommendations from this meeting on how best to develop a regional plan for our approach to statistics," said Fiji's Minister of Agriculture, Inia Seruiratu, in his opening address.

"The effective use of data will be critical in meeting the objectives in our new Fiji 2020 Agriculture Policy Agenda, which promotes sustainable community livelihoods," added Seruiratu.

Addressing the audience during the workshop opening, the head of the European Union delegation for the Pacific, Ambassador Andrew Jacobs, said: "Strengthening agriculture statistics in this region is challenging, given the limited resources and the informal nature of agriculture. However, I believe this workshop has the potential to make a difference by bringing together representatives from both agriculture ministries, fisheries ministries and statistics offices, which often work in isolation. Strengthening cooperation

between both will be a key to the development of sustainable statistics and development in the region, more generally."

Coordinator for the FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands, Gavin Wall, said the FAO's Global Strategy is a groundbreaking effort to improve agricultural, rural, and fishery statistics systems.

"The availability of these statistics is crucial to monitor progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and to inform national policies and programs," said Wall.

"This meeting will result in the initiation of a comprehensive long-term plan for building capacities of statistical systems for monitoring the attainment of these goals for the people and communities of the Pacific."

The meeting will feature recent innovations in agricultural and fisheries statistics developed by Pacific countries, recommendations for countries' long-term agricultural and rural statistics collection requirements and how they can best be supported by a regional plan.

The Pacific Agriculture Policy Project is part of the Intra-ACP Agricultural Policy Program, supported by the European Union and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, under the Intra-ACP cooperation framework. (SPC)

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Americans' aversion to dollar coins costs the nation billions

Americans waste a lot of money because of their aversion to coins and their fondness for dollar bills. If you travel almost anywhere else in the world, you won't find the same irrational attachment to low-value paper currency. In Britain, if you pay for something with a 20-pound note, you'll likely get 1-pound and even 5-pound coins in change. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and all major European nations have done away with their equivalent of the one-dollar bill.

But not America, where attempts to phase out the paper dollar have gone nowhere and dollar coins have failed to become popular. If a few members of Congress have their way, that could change.

Sens. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, and Mike Enzi, Republican from Wyoming, have introduced legislation to eliminate the dollar bill. Don't think this is a partisan issue, though. Democratic Sens. Mark Udall of Colorado and Tom Harkin of Iowa, are co-sponsors.

The Government Accountability Office has recommended the move for a long time. The reason is simple: Dollar coins, though more expensive to make, last much longer. The average dollar bill lasts only about four years. A dollar coin wouldn't need to be replaced for 30 years.

That translates into potentially very large savings—as much as \$13.8 billion over 30 years by some estimates.

Compared to the size of the entire budget, the annual savings might not seem like much, but it is real money, hundreds of millions of dollars every year that is simply wasted to appease an infatuation with paper.

So why has the legislation failed in the past? Politicians are afraid the American people, who have never embraced dollar coins, would be upset. This is one time where Washington really should ignore the will of the people, and elected leaders should lead.

The only way Americans will embrace dollar coins is if paper dollars aren't an option. That's become increasingly obvious as dollar coin after dollar coin has gone down in flames.

Some of this has been poor design. The original Eisenhower dollar coin was too large. The Susan B. Anthony was too easily mistaken for a quarter.

The presidential series of dollar coins the U.S. Mint began issuing in 2007 flopped, too, so badly that President Obama ordered the Mint to stop producing them in bulk as a cost-cutting measure. Nearly half of the coins had been returned to the Federal Reserve, leaving the Fed with nearly 1.4 billion coins to store.

Clearly, the only way Americans will use dollar coins is if they are left with no choice.

Maybe Congress simply needs to do a better job of selling the public on the notion and informing the American people of the benefits. Concern about purses and pockets getting weighed down with too many coins simply isn't a valid reason to keep wasting so much cash on cash.

Polls show that Americans, when informed of the savings, do favor eliminating the dollar bill.

Here's one final selling point Congress could use: Just think how much more the average change jar would be worth when it is cashed in.

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TEXAS HISTORY TEXTBOOKS GLOSS OVER SLAVERY...



What the octopus knows

It can change color and shape. It can taste with its skin. It has a beak like a parrot, venom like a snake and ink like an old-fashioned pen, and it can pour a 100-pound body through an opening smaller than an orange. You'd have to turn to science fiction or go to outer space to find an animal more alien than an octopus.

Perhaps it's no wonder that, from 13th century Icelandic legends of the tentacled Kraken to Jules Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, octopuses (not octopi) have given people the willies. "The tiger can only devour you," wrote Victor Hugo in *Toilers of the Sea*, but the octopus, with its "innumerable hideous mouths ... sucks your life-blood away."

The horror of octopuses (the largest on record: a giant Pacific 300-pounder, with an arm span of 32 feet) has plagued the Western imagination for centuries. But the real creature is radically different from that, possessed with uncanny intelligence, distinct personality and superpowers humans can barely dream of.

Extraordinary new discoveries have been reported about octopuses in recent months that give the lie to the monster myth. A new species was added to the 250-plus kinds of octopuses so far described, and this one—pink and with appealing, large eyes—is so cute that the second part of its proposed scientific name is Latin for "adorable": *Opisthoteuthis adorabilis*.

A team of researchers from Berkeley, Calif., Chicago and overseas sequenced the first octopus genome, revealing hundreds of genes found in no other animal—many of them active in the octopus' unusual brain, color-changing skin and elastic, tasting suckers. The researchers found a "dramatic expansion" of some nervous system genes once thought the exclusive providence of backboneed animals such as humans.

Marine biologists reported on two octopus species that appear to be surprisingly social—one of them in a large community of so-called gloomy octopuses (though the animals appeared perfectly happy) off Australia's coast, a place christened Octopolis. Another species—the larger Pacific striped octopus, cataloged by California researchers—shares dens with mates and makes love in the position favored by missionaries.

Octopuses are remarkably intelligent, even though they are in the family of invertebrates known as mollusks, which includes the brainless clams. They learn to recognize individual humans quickly, even when they are looking up through the water at volunteers who are identically dressed, as has been demonstrated in experiments at the Seattle Aquarium.

They also can solve puzzles. One devised at New England Aquarium demanded the octopus open three plexiglass boxes, each nested inside the other, and each with a different lock, in order to retrieve a crab from the innermost cube. Every single octopus presented with the cubes figured them out. They can also open jars—and sometimes screw the lids back on—and they enjoy assembling and disassembling Mr. Potato Head and Legos.

By SY MONTGOMERY
Los Angeles Times

Sy Montgomery is the author of *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, one of 10 books long-listed for the 2015 National Book Award for nonfiction. She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.



They excel at escaping their tanks. They can lift heavy lids (a single sucker can lift up to 30 pounds) and ooze through tiny cracks. At a number of aquariums, octopuses have been known to sneak out of one tank in order to sneak into another and eat its rightful occupants. Sometimes they seem to escape simply because they are curious.

I've learned the truth of octopuses' intelligence firsthand. I first met Athena, a giant Pacific octopus with an arm span of about 10 feet, behind the scenes at New England Aquarium. When the keeper lifted the lid to her tank, she turned red with excitement and slid from her lair to greet me. She looked me directly in the eye. As I plunged my hands and arms into the 47-degree saltwater to stroke her, her arms—and their strong white, powerful suckers—boiled up to meet mine. She was clearly as curious about me as I was about her.

Kali was another octopus who loved to play. Every Wednesday when I visited the aquarium, she'd rise to the top of her tank to greet me. She managed to train me and octopus enrichment expert Wilson Menashi. Unlike other octopuses—which seemed to enjoy a little play, then some fish, then more play and more fish—Kali wanted to eat everything first, which she taught us by blasting us in the face with freezing cold saltwater if we didn't hand over all the fish immediately.

I considered every octopus I got to know a friend. That may sound odd considering octopuses and humans last shared a common ancestor half a billion years ago, back before our hearts, eyes or brains had evolved. The human brain sits like a walnut in a shell; the skull-free octopus brain wraps around its throat. And most of its neurons are in its arms, which raises the possibility of diffuse consciousness or even multiple selves.

Humans learned to make fire; octopuses learned to taste with their skin. Humans learned to paint and sculpt. Octopuses learned to create moving color patterns on their own bodies. We use ink for writing. They use it to fool predators.

Octopuses show us alternate paths of thinking and wildly different ways of being. They stretch our minds in directions far more productive than fear. We have much to learn from them. (For instance, they offer models for developing "soft robots" unconstrained by joints.) But perhaps even more valuable, by demonstrating that intelligence is more varied and emotions more universal than we imagined, the octopus stretches our moral universe.

Konbetsasion Kontra Mañge'

Dañkulu na difirensia liñguahen konbetsasion yan matuge' gi todū liñguahen elmundu. Gi hilu sahyān konbetsasion taya' maseñala areglon konduktan inadiñgan. Todū atbettu i pīsu 'nai libre hau humapbla.

Taya' ma-aksepta areglu pot usun gramatika yan hechuran dobladan palabra. Saulag esta i dispues 'nai tana' fan a'adanche puntun haf' madiskute. Todū bali!

Gi bandan konbetsasion appenas 'sino hasan mangai abilitat usun palabra ni fitme dumaña' kabesa esta' i puntan hila'ña i uma' adiñgan. Tres ha' na Chamorro huli'e' mangai abilitat nu este. Los dimas, memegaiña para mane' suette inanalisan otu.

I matuge' na' finu' Chamorro fuetsau un' embrasa fotmat haf' na asuntu para un' diskute gi tinige' mu. Humalom areglun gramatika, usun palabra yan señaat gramatiku, relasioña asuntu yan otu attikulu siha gi ge'tatte. Umeyag hau mañge' palabra pot palabra, sentensia pot sentensia, estake unna' fonhayan tinige' mu. Mas fitme giya hagu menhalom na hinisgan yan inanalisan asuntu.

Dispues de lagse hau man-analisa mas lokue' listu gi usun antau na rason gi konbetsasion-mu. Mas fitme dos adeñgmū maseha ñgai' an 'nai umadiñgan hau. Mafattu este na linagse' ginen eksisiun mañge' 'nai guaha appottunibat manhasu gi hilu' pīsun kritikāt yan analisau na materiāt siha.

I para un' tuge' haf' siñientemu ti parehu yan kritikāt na inanalisan puntu gi dichu asuntu. Un' komprende todū puntu pot puntu 'nai un' diskute dispues gi tinige' mu. Estague' na bintaha guaha gi matuge' na finu' Chamorro. 'An taya' tinege' mu benefisiosu para i manatatte pues muña machalegua i katman hanom gi halom sadog.

Poresu na hu sosoyu' todus na u fan eyag manmañge'. Mauleg para hagu petsonatmiente 'nai un' choneg mas mona ineyag liñguahen natibu gi halom famaguonta.

Pot siha ti pot natibu

Are Western governments welcoming terrorists among Syria's refugees?

It is rare that refugees are welcomed with open arms. Yet in parts of Europe, they are literally being greeted with applause. Though Europe's response to the plight of the Middle East's beleaguered masses may be heartwarming, it is also dangerously naive. Among the migrants are inevitably members of Islamic State and al-Qaida. If Europe wants to help innocent victims, it should focus on extirpating the jihadist groups that are directly responsible for the exodus we are witnessing.

Not since World War II has Europe seen such a stark population shift. Germany is preparing to house a staggering 800,000 refugees from Syria and elsewhere this year, a decision that will surely alter the country's very character. Other nations have also pledged refuge for significant numbers, and they will also inevitably face enormous integration challenges.

Meanwhile, Hungary and Slovakia have been vilified by many for rebelling against taking in thousands of refugees. Not only have they rejected European Union-imposed quotas, but both countries have made it clear that a mass Muslim migration would pose unacceptable demographic and cultural challenges. Their concerns are well founded, not only over integration but especially from a security perspective.

Lebanon's education minister, Elias Bousaab, warned recently

Esta kanaha' hohokog manhanau hinerasion geran dos ni lumi'e' antes, duranten yan dispues de geran dos guine. Guaha siha estorian niha pot ayo na tiempo mannamagof, napinite yan lokue' ti sennamagof na finapos.

Pot ihemplo, gi tiempun Japones mabende natibu to'lang gi tenda ni masupiyu todū sinseña. Pues ginen titanos to'lañg 'nai ta chuchule' sabot katnen guaka pat babue. I sensing mana' hanau para Japon gi metkau siha.

Ni achog Japon, i finatoña guine ti pot tautau tanu' soluke intereseña militat. Todū ha petsige pot para u defendegue' kumegu' ot este siha na islas. No siakassu haf' pinadesen i natibu kumu siña ha defende yan gu'ot i tanu'. Haye ha' humalom ha yute' gi un' banda interest natibu pot intereseña.

Este na finapos-ta mauleg ta tutuhon umebalua haf' sustansiaña. Es-pesifikamente, kau propiu para i natibu i fuetsau kulan ayu ha' nina' siñata i para tamana' fañginlulog kulan totniyun makina? Guaha 'nai in' hassu este na puntu gi estorian 'sino finapos tautau-ta?

Atan pa'gu haf' na estau ta'lu 'nai mangaige hit. Ti pot interes natibu soluke pot interes militat. Todū i tiempu pot militat! Debi u guaha fina' inasoda' manma'gasta yan offisiat militat pot para ta tamtam kau este ha' uttimu relasionta. Seguruyu' na guaha mas mauleg na inatuñgu' gi karera mona ke mañan no siakassu.

Asuntun Natibu

Todū klasen offisina manma-establese pot natibun este siha na islas, Chamorro yan Karolinas. Gaige offisinan Indigenous Affairs, Community and Cultural Affairs, Carolinian Affairs, yan Women's Affairs.

Kulan mampos taduñg hineñgeta ni tautau-ta na manadan offisina manma-establese pot tautau-ta mismu. Yangin diberas i intension pues kanaha' tai kampu diskuidu kontra natibun este siha na perlas. Tatfoi hineñgeta sen taya' adelantu para i tautau-ta siha. Lau mandañkulun offisina establisau pot natibu.

that two in every 100 Syrian migrants arriving in Europe are Islamic State fighters, sent to infiltrate a continent distracted by sympathy. If Bousaab's conservative calculation proves accurate, it would mean that among the 10,000 Syrian refugees that Secretary of State John F. Kerry has pledged to allow into the United States in 2016, there could be 200 committed terrorists.

With Europe floundering for a unified approach to the refugee conundrum, there is little agreement on macro issues such as how to defend borders, let alone a coordinated way to verify the identity of those seeking asylum. And make no mistake, Islamic State and other enemies of the West are planning to exploit this chaos. In the last year, Islamic terrorists carried out major attacks in Paris and Copenhagen. And recently, three Americans on vacation thwarted an attack on a Paris-bound train.

Many Western leaders appear so self-satisfied with answering the call for refuge that they have fooled themselves into believing that their largesse provides a genuine solution. Actually, they're creating a moral hazard, motivating millions more in the war-ravaged Middle East to try to make the perilous, often deadly journey to Europe.

The reality is that the only effective way to help those fleeing violence in Syria, Iraq and the wider region is to cut off the source

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Kau makat magahet mafotman programa pot tautau-ta? Manu na koyentura 'nai gaige mamakatña i asuntu? Kau guaha chinatsaga mañge' propositu pot natibu? Guaha 'nai ta atbansa kumechage este na eksisiu? Pat guaha 'nai manadiñgan hit maseha pot kadu' tinituhon? Finu' un' amiguhu, "Ayu 'nai sesen sustuyu' 'an ilegmū cha' mu lilihan". Guiya kasi este mafanana' an sensian chanseru!

Buente gaige lamayot patte problema-ta gi ti manseguru hit manu 'nai para ta tutuhon inestudian modun ayudu para i tautau-ta. Ti mapot sa' kada dia ta tototpe i mismu problema ni ta upos kadu' todū mauleg. Guiya este i kustumbren "shoot, shoot, shoot".

Edukasion, bisnis, hinemlu', setbisiu siha para i publiku hinerate fumafana' hit diariu. Kada unu gi entre este na asuntu ha affefekta hinemlo' kinalamten tautau-ta. Yangin chafleg kinalamten ekonomia pues tat familia guine ti hana' gagalileg gi halom mutuñg na fache' didog yan miseraple na sapet. Makat i para ta prepara hit kontiempu pot no u fatoigue hit mattirun diskuidu?

Mampos yomug i gobietnon iya Marianas na esta mama' reput gi fatachoñgña. Ni para u sugun i lalu' gi guieñgña, chatsaga. Ni para una setbe i kemun makat sa' inipos machuchuda' sintiraña na esta ti linañgag ni timoña. Ai, ni para ta gu'ot tatte sinparat guinaian paladat-ta makat sa' mangulosu hit na tautague gi bandan sentada. Dios mihu!

By ARI HAROW

Los Angeles Times

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of that violence—in the Middle East. A positive first step would be the creation of havens in Syria and elsewhere. Secure pockets of refuge near home, established and run by the international community, would win trust while providing a frontal position from which to defeat the scourge of Islamist terrorism.

Many in the West would prefer to open their arms to waves of refugees—terrorists among them—rather than take up arms to deal with the root of the problem. Of course, those who require refuge must be aided. But the West can best help them by flexing its considerable military muscle. Refusal to do so is likely to hand the likes of Islamic State a double victory, as it entrenches its positions in Syria and Iraq while also establishing a foothold in Europe.

Can Republicans regain control of their party?

The state of the Republican Party is summed up by a quote from the late cartoonist Walt Kelly: "We have met the enemy and he is us."

At both the presidential-campaign and congressional levels, the problems are self-induced. The party fostered unrealistic expectations, and the failure to meet them emboldened a nihilistic streak in a core of House Republicans and with the likes of Donald Trump. There is little agenda, lots of lashing out.

This is what led some Republicans in the House, encouraged by presidential candidates, to threaten to shut down the government if funding for Planned Parenthood wasn't ended. A USA Today survey showed that almost two-thirds of Americans favor federal support for the organization, which provides health care services for women. A small percentage of Planned Parenthood's budget goes to abortions, and that fraction isn't covered by the federal funds. In a list of a dozen organizations and political figures in a Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, Planned Parenthood was viewed the most favorably.

A shutdown was avoided last week, but there already are threats to try again in December.

Much of the bluster of this minority can be traced to the Republicans' successes in the 2010 and 2014 non-presidential elections. These victories largely were based on running against the then-unpopular President Barack Obama and overpromising.

At the federal level, the battle cry was: Elect Republicans and we'll defund the Affordable Care Act, slash federal spending, reform the wretched tax system and lower taxes, and restrain Obama.

The party won both houses of Congress but hasn't been able to deliver on politically unrealistic commitments.

That has alienated the rank and file. A recent Bloomberg Politics poll showed that Republicans, more than two-to-one, have an unfavorable view of House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. One-third have negative views about their own party.

Reflecting these views, hard-core right-wing members in the House, many elected in those last two off-year elections, forced Boehner to resign.

The favorite to replace him is Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, though Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah said Sunday that he would seek the post, too. McCarthy offers a more cheerful face than Boehner and is an exceptionally able political operative. But whoever takes job will face the same daunting demands—no compromises with the Democrats or the White House. The main agenda of congressional Republicans is to oppose anything Obama is for, with the exception of international trade deals.

The best hope is that Boehner, who now can afford to ignore the hard right, will use the next four weeks to forge a deal on extending the debt ceiling and a multiyear budget plan, leaving less lethal matters for his successor to handle. Boehner is a skillful legislator, but this may be a reach.

At the presidential level, the same forces are on display with the three front-runners, Donald Trump, Ben Carson and Carly Fiorina, who, combined, have less governing or political experience than any president of the past century.

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Waiting in the wings is Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who arouses grass-roots conservatives with attacks against Republican congressional leaders.






Some Republicans acknowledge these problems, but insist the party is in good shape. They point out that, in addition to both Houses of Congress, they hold 31 of the 50 governorships and that in most of these states, they also control the legislature. But not much of this success had to do with any Republican initiatives; it was more linked to the party's ability to ride the anti-Obama wave.

"We look great on paper, but most of our gains have been because we weren't the Democrats," says former Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, who was the Republicans' leading political strategist in Congress.

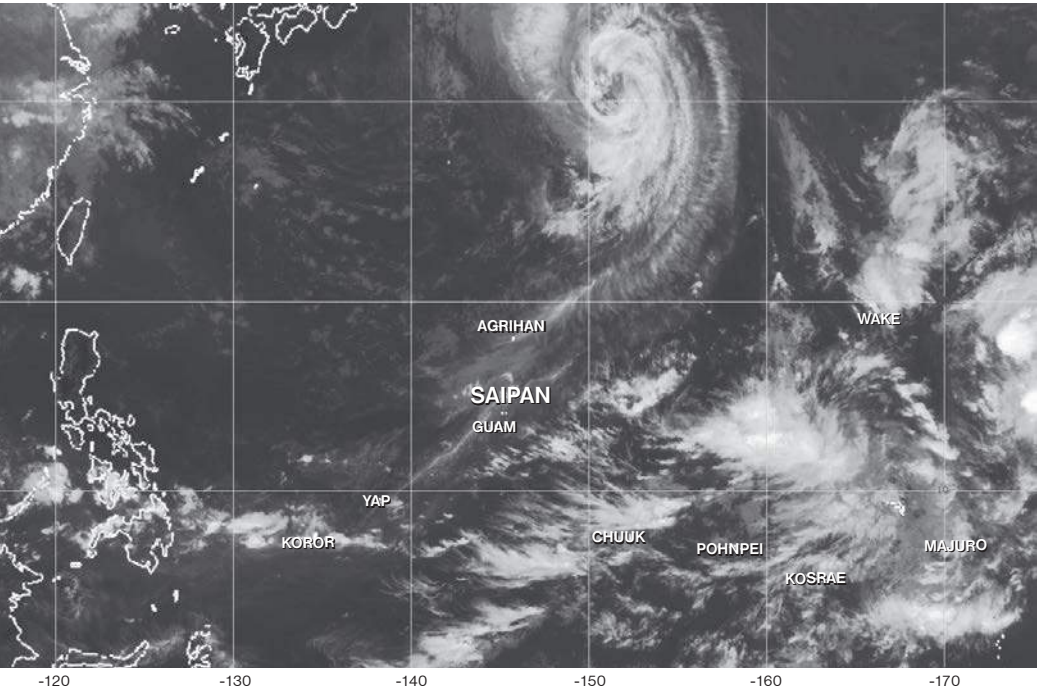
Moreover, as the Democrats learned a generation ago, after years of controlling everything but the presidency, agenda-setting and power flows from the White House.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. West winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northwest winds around 10 mph becoming north Friday. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° |

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves northeastward through 11N130E to Typhoon Choi-wan at 27N151E then heads southeastward to a disturbance northeast of Majuro near 12N178E then continues to beyond the dateline at 12N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Koror within 60 miles of a line from 8N130E to 7N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the south of Typhoon Choi-wan (23W) are north of a line from 22N148E to 25N155E. Scattered to numerous showers are seen from north of Pohnpei across the Marshall Islands to Tarawa atoll within 300 miles of a line from 15N158E to 4N173E. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are evident with the disturbance northeast of Majuro between 12N and 21N from 171E to 180. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island near 26N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present over and north of Wake Island north of a line from 21N163E to 19N167E to 22N171E. Converging low-level winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from south of Yap across Chuuk within 150 miles of a line from EQ141E to 10N152E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

| Micronesia | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| Guam And Rota | Thundershowers | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼79 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼79 |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | ▲86 | ▼80 |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | ▲84 | ▼80 |

| Around the Globe | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-----|-----|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲61 | ▼45 |
| Beijing | Sunny | ▲69 | ▼44 |
| Hong Kong | Showers | ▲88 | ▼78 |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | ▲85 | ▼74 |
| London | Mostly Sunny | ▲63 | ▼46 |
| Los Angeles | Showers | ▲80 | ▼65 |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | ▲90 | ▼75 |
| Melbourne | Sunny | ▲73 | ▼52 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼74 |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | ▲74 | ▼58 |
| Osaka | Mostly Sunny | ▲73 | ▼56 |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼49 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲77 | ▼58 |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | ▲76 | ▼59 |
| Salem | Showers | ▲74 | ▼53 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲68 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲78 | ▼53 |
| Tokyo | Sunny | ▲76 | ▼55 |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | ▲77 | ▼57 |



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| Tides | | | |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| Saipan Harbor | | | |
| 4:48 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 11:36 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.3 Feet |
| 6:23 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |

| Sunrise/Sunset | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Today | 6:07 AM | 6:02 PM |
| Friday | 6:08 AM | 6:01 PM |
| Saturday | 6:08 AM | 6:00 PM |
| Sunday | 6:08 AM | 6:00 PM |
| Monday | 6:08 AM | 5:59 PM |

| Moonrise/Moonset | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Today | 2:10 AM | 2:58 PM |
| Friday | 2:58 AM | 3:38 PM |
| Saturday | 3:45 AM | 4:17 PM |
| Sunday | 4:32 AM | 4:55 PM |
| Monday | 5:19 AM | 5:33 PM |

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| DEPARTURES | | | |
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| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 |

| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
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| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 2:55pm | 6, 7 |

| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|
| UA5039 | 3:25pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 |

| SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR) | | | |
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| DL287 | 6:05am | 1:05am+1 | 2, 6 via NRT |

| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | |
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| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:20am | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 5:25am | 9:10am | 4, 5 |
| 7C3401 | 3:15pm | 7:35pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3401 | 4:20pm | 8:05pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |

| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | |
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| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |

| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 5:30am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |

| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | |
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| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | |
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| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/701 | 2:25am | 11:05am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 3:20am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | Daily via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/275 | 6:05am | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:20pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |

| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) | | | |
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| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/721 | 2:25am | 11:50am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 3:20am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5039/179 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:10pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

| ARRIVALS | | | |
|-------------------|--------|---------|------------------|
| GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:00pm | 1:50pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | 1, 5 |

| GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|------|
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 1:35pm | 2, 4 |

| ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|------|
| UA5038 | 2:05pm | 2:40pm | 2, 4 |

| PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| DL298 | 4:30am | 2:55pm | 3, 7 via NRT |

| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | |
|---------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 3, 4, 5, 7 |

| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | |
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| 7C3402 | 8:45am | 2:15pm | 3, 5, 6 |
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| OZ6053 | 7:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 |
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| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | |
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| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | |
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| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

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| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
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| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 1:50pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
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| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:35pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
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Business

New auto safety technologies leave some drivers bewildered

WASHINGTON (AP)—Many Americans buying new cars these days are baffled by a torrent of new safety technology.

Some features will automatically turn a car back into its lane if it begins to drift, or hit the brakes if sensors detect that it's about to rear-end someone else. There are lane-change and blind-spot monitors, drowsiness alerts and cars that can park themselves. Technologies once limited to high-end models like adaptive cruise control, tire-pressure indicators and rear-view cameras have become more common.

The features hold tremendous potential to reduce deaths and injuries by eliminating collisions or mitigating their severity, safety advocates say.

But there's one problem: Education on how to use them doesn't come standard. Bewildered drivers sometimes just turn them off, defeating the safety potential.

"If people don't understand how that works or what the car is doing, it may startle them or make them uncomfortable," said Deborah Hersman, president of the National Safety



This image from video, taken Oct. 1, 2015, shows Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) Senior Research Engineer David Aylor in the drivers seat with an electronic display on the dashboard for parallel parking assistance at the IIHS Vehicle Research Center in Ruckersville, Va.

Council. "We want to make sure we're explaining things to people so that the technology that can make them safer is actually taken advantage of."

The council and the University of Iowa, along with the Department of Transportation, are kicking off an education campaign Wednesday

to inform drivers on how the safety features work. The effort includes a website, My-CarDoesWhat.org, with video demonstrations.

In a survey by the university, a majority of drivers expressed uncertainty about the way many of the safety technologies work. About 40 percent reported that

their vehicles had behaved in unexpected ways. The least understood technology was adaptive cruise control, which can slow or speed up a vehicle in order to maintain a constant following distance. That technology has been available in some models for at least a decade.

The features vary from man-

ufacturer to manufacturer, from model to model and from one options package to another.

Joe Kraemer, 70, a retired accountant from Arlington, Virginia, said the first time he drove his wife's 2015 E-Series Mercedes he nearly jumped out of his seat. He was beginning to change lanes when suddenly there was a piercing "beep beep

beep beep. ..."

Now when that happens, his wife tells him: "Relax. It's just that you have somebody in your blind spot and you're about to kill us."

Kraemer's wife, who has been driving for 50 years, has been back to the dealer twice for hour-long lessons on how to use the car's features.

"She's really learning a computer," he said.

But as the technologies become more available in lower-priced models, dealers may not be willing to spend as much time with drivers as Mercedes has with Kraemer's wife.

Owner's manuals are also falling short, safety advocates say. They have become "documents written by lawyers for lawyers," said Clarence Ditlow, executive director at the Center for Auto Safety.

UAW threatens strike in contract talks with Fiat Chrysler

DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers union is threatening to go on strike against Fiat Chrysler after its membership rejected a tentative contract deal with the company.

In a statement, Fiat Chrysler said Tuesday that it received a strike notice from the union and that it continues to work toward reaching an agreement.

A letter to Fiat Chrysler that was posted on the UAW website Tuesday says the union is ending its contract with FCA

at 11:59 p.m. EDT Wednesday. The union said on its website Tuesday night that negotiations are continuing with FCA and updates would be posted later.

Union members overwhelmingly rejected a tentative agreement with the company last week, with members calling for an end to a two-tier pay structure, more specific guarantees of new vehicles for U.S. factories and a return of cost-of-living pay raises that the union gave up to help the company in

bad times. Now that Fiat Chrysler is making healthy profits, members want a bigger slice.

Sixty-five percent of FCA's union workers voted against the four-year deal. UAW President Dennis Williams said after the rejection that he would return to the bargaining table with Fiat Chrysler in an effort to get a deal that would be ratified. The union represents about 40,000 workers mainly at 23 FCA factories in the Midwest.

Kristen Dzikczek, director of the labor and manufacturing

group at the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank, said the contract termination notice sounds to her like the membership's demands weren't received well at Fiat Chrysler's headquarters.

"If they strike, I don't think it will be very long. It puts too much pain on both sides," Dzikczek said. The rejected contract, she said, was a middle ground between company and union needs, but the membership found it unacceptable.

Express Scripts to cover pricey new cholesterol treatments

TOM MURPHY
AP BUSINESS WRITER

The nation's biggest pharmacy benefits manager has decided to cover two new drugs that lower artery-clogging cholesterol but raise concern over prices that can top \$14,000 a year.

Express Scripts said Tuesday that it will pay for prescriptions of Amgen Inc.'s Repatha as well as Praluent from Sanofi and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. under a few conditions designed to control costs.

The decision comes as soaring drug prices draw criticism

from patients, doctors and politicians, as well as insurers and employers that generally pay most of the prescription bill. Praluent and Repatha both stirred worry, in particular, because of their potential to be used by millions of patients.

The biologically-engineered drugs are considered the first major advance in managing cholesterol since the introduction of statin drugs more than 20 years ago. They aim to lower bad, or LDL, cholesterol, and analysts expect them to generate billions in sales.

More than 73 million U.S.

adults, or nearly one-third, have high LDL cholesterol, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those patients have twice the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death worldwide.

The Food and Drug Administration approved both Repatha and Praluent earlier this summer for patients with the highest risk of developing heart problems.

Express Scripts said Tuesday that it negotiated a discount it declined to detail on the prices of those drugs. It will require prior approval from one of its pharmacists before any pre-

scriptions are filled.

That pharmacist will need to see a patient's cholesterol levels first as well as proof that the older statins failed with the patient.

Express Scripts Holding Co. also is requiring the drugmakers to provide rebates if prices climb more than a set amount each year. Express Scripts also has agreed to cover any costs that exceed a certain amount per person, annually.

"We think this is really an innovative approach, and we think it's going to take great care of patients," said Dr. Steve Miller, Express Scripts' chief medical officer.

Ex-UN General Assembly head among 6 held in bribery scheme

NEW YORK (AP)—A former president of the United Nations General Assembly turned the world body into a "platform for profit" by accepting over \$1 million in bribes from a billionaire Chinese real estate mogul and other businesspeople to pave the way for lucrative investments, a prosecutor charged Tuesday.

John Ashe, a former U.N. ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda who served in the largely ceremonial post as head of the 193-nation assembly from September 2013 to September 2014, faces tax fraud charges in what authorities call a conspiracy with five others, including Francis Lorenzo, a deputy U.N. ambassador from the Dominican Republic who lives in the Bronx.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara repeatedly noted that it was early in the investigation and told reporters that as it proceeds: "We will be asking: Is bribery business as usual at the U.N.?"

He added: "I wouldn't be surprised if we see other people charged."

The prosecutor said Ashe "converted the United Nations into a platform for profit" when bribery opportunities were dangled before him by Chinese billionaire Ng Lap Seng, 67, and others.

"We obviously just learned of the very serious allegations this morning," Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, told reporters. Dujarric said Ban was "shocked and deeply troubled" by the allegations that "go to the heart and integrity of the U.N."

Still, he challenged Bharara's insinuations, saying, "Corruption is not business as usual at the U.N." He said the U.N.'s legal department and senior officials were not informed of the probe in advance.

Dujarric noted that the president of the General Assembly "does not report to the secretary-general and is completely independent in functions."

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Nation

Mother-son bond over guns links Oregon, Connecticut slayings

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The deadly shooting last week at an Oregon community college has an eerie parallel with the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School that killed 20 pupils and six adult staff members in 2012.

Like Adam Lanza, the gunman in the Connecticut massacre, Christopher Harper-Mercer was living a mostly solitary life with a mom who shared his fascination with firearms.

Both stories illustrate the struggles parents face caring for a deeply troubled child, struggles that can inadvertently lead to a volatile outcome made easier by ready access to weaponry.

“When you begin to bring guns into the home environment where you have that dangerous cocktail of behavior, that’s pretty unbelievable,” said Mary Ellen O’Toole, a former FBI profiler who directs George Mason University’s forensic science program.

Harper-Mercer bears similarities to other school shooters: a

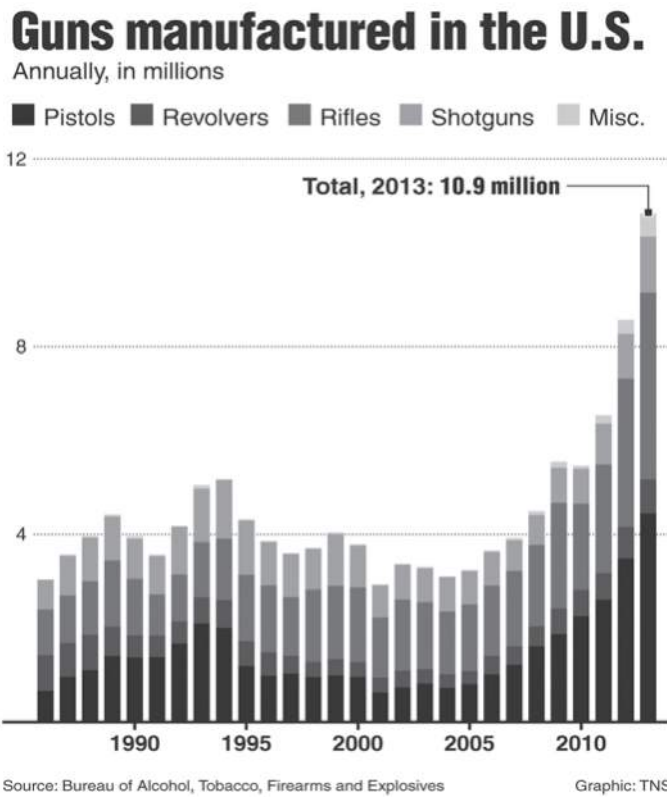
young male focused on mass lethality and carrying out the killings in a military-like mission destined to end in the killer’s own death, O’Toole said.

He was a loner in his 20s like James Holmes, who killed 12 people in a cinema in Aurora, Colorado, in 2012; Jared Loughner, who seriously wounded Rep. Gabby Giffords and killed six in Tucson, Arizona, in 2011; and Elliot Rodger, who killed six people near the University of California, Santa Barbara, campus last year.

Like Rodger, he left behind a note that complained about not having a girlfriend.

But the comparison to Lanza extends to the relationships both shooters had with their mothers and guns.

Both women were long-time gun enthusiasts, not uncommon in many parts of America where gun ownership is prevalent and encouraged. The two mothers amassed weapons and took their sons to shooting ranges, accord-



ing to the investigation into the Sandy Hook shooting and the Daily Breeze newspaper in Tor-

rance, California, where Harper lived for years with her son.

It’s easy to judge them in

hindsight, but deeply strained and complicated relationships often lead to bad or desperate parental decisions with tragic consequences, said psychologist Peter Langman, author of two books on school shooters. Many troubled young people are so impaired they’re incapable of living on their own.

“In some cases, (parents) don’t recognize there’s a problem,” Langman said. “In other cases, they’re aware of their child’s mental health issues, but they don’t see any evidence of violence, so they don’t see any reason not to take their kid target shooting.”

Parents may also use guns to bond with a mentally troubled, isolated child who is obsessed with weapons and violence, he said.

Laurel Harper’s online postings don’t indicate she knew her son had violent tendencies, but it is clear she relished her weapons.

Investigators found eight

guns in the apartment she shared with her son near the North Umpqua River and another six at the school where he killed eight students and a professor before killing himself last week.

She wrote enthusiastically about assault rifles and pistols and derided gun-control efforts in “lame states,” in a three-year-old posting on Yahoo! Answers that is linked to an email address associated with her.

“I keep two full mags in my Glock case,” she wrote. “No one will be ‘dropping’ by my house uninvited.”

Harper could not be located for comment and has not returned messages left by The Associated Press at her home.

The nurse, who moved to rural Oregon with her son from the Los Angeles area two years ago, speaks frankly in the postings about her son’s Asperger’s syndrome, a mild form of autism. Investigators said she told them he had mental health issues.

Search for answers begins in sinking of US cargo ship

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—On board the 790-foot El Faro when it set out on its doomed voyage into the path of Hurricane Joaquin were five Polish workers whose job was to prepare the engine room for a retrofit.

Could that work have caused the loss of power that led to the U.S. container ship’s sinking?

The vessel’s owners say they don’t believe so, but the question—along with the captain’s decision to plot a course near the storm—will almost certainly be part of an investigation launched Tuesday by the National Transportation Safety Board into the disaster near the Bahamas that may have claimed 33 lives.

“We don’t have all the an-

Ship missing

The Coast Guard reports finding the body of one crew member and an empty life boat from the missing cargo ship El Faro. The ship had a crew of 33 and was heading to Puerto Rico.



swers, I’m sorry for that. I wish we did,” Anthony Chiarello, president and CEO of ship owner Tote Inc., told reporters. “But we will find out what happened.”

The 41-year-old El Faro was scheduled to be retired from Caribbean duty and retrofitted in the coming months for service between the West Coast and Alaska, said Phil Greene, another Tote executive.

The El Faro and its equally aged sister vessel were being replaced on the Jacksonville-to-Puerto Rico run by two brand-new ships capable of carrying much more cargo and emitting less pollution.

When the El Faro left Jacksonville on Sept. 29, the five Polish workers came along with 28 U.S. crew members

to do some preparatory work in the engine room, according to Greene. He gave no details on the nature of their work.

But “I don’t believe based on the work they were doing that they would have had anything to do with what affected the propulsion,” said Greene, a retired Navy admiral.

The NTSB dispatched a team from Washington to investigate.

“It’s just a tragic, tragic situation,” NTSB vice chairman Bella Dinh-Zarr said.

The El Faro had no history of engine failure, Greene said, and the company said the vessel was modernized in 1992 and 2006. Company records show it underwent its last annual Coast Guard inspection in March.

South Carolina cleans up, but worries remain amid floods

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—The family of Miss South Carolina 1954 found her flood-soaked pageant scrapbook on a dining room floor littered with dead fish on Tuesday, as the first sunny day in nearly two weeks provided a chance to clean up from historic floods.

“I would hate for her to see it like this. She would be crushed,” said Polly Sim, who moved her 80-year-old mother into a nursing home just before the rainstorm turned much of the state into a disaster area.

Owners of inundated homes were keeping close watch on swollen waterways as they pried open swollen doors and tore out soaked carpets. So far, at least 17 people have died in the floods in the Carolinas, some of them drowning after trying to

drive through high water.

Sim’s mother, known as Polly Rankin Suber when she competed in the Miss America contest, had lived since 1972 in the unit, where more than 3 feet of muddy water toppled her washing machine and turned the wallboard to mush.

“There’s no way it will be what it was,” said Sim. “My mom was so eccentric, had her own funky style of decorating, there’s no way anyone could duplicate that. Never.”

Tuesday was the first dry day since Sept. 24 in South Carolina’s state capital, where a midnight-to-6 a.m. curfew was in effect. But officials warned that new evacuations could come as the huge mass of water flows toward the sea, threatening dams and displacing residents along the way.

Of particular concern was the Lowcountry, where the Santee, Edisto and other rivers make their way to the sea. Gov. Nikki Haley warned that several rivers were rising and had yet to reach their peaks.

“God smiled on South Carolina because the sun is out. That is a good sign, but ... we still have to be cautious,” Haley said Tuesday after taking an aerial tour. “What I saw was disturbing.”

“We are going to be extremely careful. We are watching this minute by minute,” she said.

Georgetown, one of America’s oldest cities, sits on the coast at the confluence of four rivers. The historic downtown flooded over the weekend, and its ordeal wasn’t over yet.

“It was coming in through the kitchen wall, through the

bathroom walls, through the bedroom walls, through the living room walls. It was up over the sandbags that we put over the door. And, it just kept rising,” Tom Doran said, bracing himself for the next wave. “If I see a hoard of locusts then I’m taking off.”

In Effingham, east of Columbia, the Lynches River was at nearly 20 feet on Tuesday—five feet above flood stage. Kip Jones paddled a kayak to check on a home he rents out there, and discovered that the family lost pretty much everything they had, with almost 8 feet of standing water in the bedrooms.

“Their stuff is floating all in the house,” Jones said. “Once the water comes in the house you get bacteria and you get mold.”

ACROSS THE NATION

Disaster plan developed in case fire reaches nuclear waste

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Beneath the surface of a St. Louis-area landfill lurk two things that should never meet: a slow-burning fire and a cache of Cold War-era nuclear waste, separated by no more than 1,200 feet. Government officials have quietly adopted an emergency plan in case the smoldering embers ever reach the waste, a potentially “catastrophic event” that could send up a plume of radioactive smoke over a densely populated area near the city’s main airport. Although the fire at Bridgeton Landfill has been burning since at least 2010, the plan for a worst-case scenario was developed only a year ago and never publicized until this week, when St. Louis radio station KMOX first obtained a copy. County Executive Steve Stenger cautioned that the plan “is not an indication of any imminent danger.”

Man who says he was cartel enforcer pleads guilty to murders

VISALIA, Calif. (AP)—A man who says he was a cartel enforcer pleaded guilty Tuesday to nine counts of murder in California after acknowledging to investigators that he had committed killings across the country. After being arrested in 2013, 53-year-old Jose Manuel Martinez opened up to investigators about his violent career that he said involved more than 30 killings. However, authorities said he refused to name his car-

tel associates. Investigators said they believed Martinez about being an enforcer, even though they could not independently confirm his actions. “It’s not like you can go to a business front door and ask if Jose worked for you,” said Tulare County Assistant Sheriff Scott Logue. “There were whispers for a long time.” Logue said Martinez did provide details of clothes, body positions and the caliber of weapons involved in killings.

Handcuffed man crashes through window, dies after 40-ft fall

ATLANTA (AP)—A handcuffed man seeking to avoid arrest died after crashing head-first through the third-floor window glass of a downtown Atlanta office building and falling 40 feet to the ground, authorities said Tuesday. The man reported Tuesday to a pretrial services program of Atlanta’s Fulton County Superior Court when authorities determined he had a gun nearby and they were preparing to arrest him, court spokeswoman Tiffany Russell said. Fulton County Sheriff’s spokeswoman Tracy Flanagan said the man jumped from the window after he had been handcuffed and seated. He later died of his injuries at a hospital. A hole could be seen in window glass where he exited the building. Investigator Clint Harbin at the Fulton County Medical Examiner’s office identified the man as 22-year-old Tyquan Richardson.

Asia

As Pyongyang readies grand show, rural life still a struggle

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—While North Korea prepares a big show to mark the 70th anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party, the daily struggles of life outside the capital—such as finding clean running water and putting nutritious food on the table year-round—pose a harsh, but largely unseen, contrast to the grand celebrations the world will see Oct. 10.

North Korea's anniversary spectacle promises to be world-class. Masses of citizens will be mobilized to march, chant and hold up placards on cue to create huge images praising the party and leader Kim Jong Un. To make sure Pyongyang looks its best, extensive construction projects have considerably prettied up the capital, which is far and away the most developed city in North Korea and is even relatively comfortable for the increasingly affluent segment of its populace.

But life in the provinces, and particularly in rural areas, is quite a different story.

Ahead of the arrival of the hordes of visitors, dignitaries

In this Oct. 6, 2015 photo, people put up a signboard marking the upcoming 70th anniversary of the founding of North Korea's Workers' Party in Pyongyang, North Korea.



and foreign journalists who are now beginning to descend on Pyongyang for the celebrations,

an Associated Press Television News crew was allowed to join the Red Cross on a visit

to one of those communities in Sinyang County, which is just 150 kilometers (100 miles)

from Pyongyang but takes three hours to reach by car on mostly unpaved roads.

Instead of the new high-rise apartments and bicycle lanes that have been put up in Pyong-

yang for the party anniversary, the people there are now just beginning to enjoy a far more fundamental improvement in their lives—disease-free running water.

The area is still recovering from serious flooding and landslides from 2006 to 2013 that caused many deaths and destroyed homes and basic infrastructure—roads, bridges and the water distribution system.

Seeing a dire need, the Red Cross got involved in 2013 with projects to re-establish a clean water system for 10,000 people in Sinyang and small-scale food processing facilities, which help people to make the most of what they can grow and reduce the amount of time and labor they used to have put in to get the food to the table.

Simple greenhouses set up with Red Cross support mean the local community can now produce vegetables all year round. Though hunger is uncommon in Pyongyang, where the population is far better off than elsewhere, the only vegetable available in winter to many people in the country's hardscrabble rural areas is pickled kimchi.

Negotiations fail to end protests as supplies thin in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—The main group of protesters opposing Nepal's new constitution said its negotiations with the government failed to reach a resolution Tuesday even as a punishing border blockade continued to squeeze the country.

Laxman Lal Karna from the United Democratic Madhesi Front said talks with the government would resume Wednesday, adding the government negotiators failed to present a solid proposal to end the protests.

The activity in southern Nepal bordering India has stalled normal life in the area for several weeks and stopped the flow of fuel and supplies to the country's north, including the capital.

"We had set some precondi-

tions which the government had promised to fulfill but failed. We will not end our protests until our political demands are fulfilled," Karna said.

Their demands included free treatment of the injured protesters, monetary compensation for those killed, removing the soldiers from the protest area and stopping the use of excessive force against the protesters.

Another Madhesi negotiator, Sarbendra Nath Shukla, said their main issue with the constitution was the border of the proposed state for their ethnic group but that issue was yet to be discussed.

Government minister Mahesh Acharya said all the issues were discussed and the

team was hopeful for a resolution soon.

"We are trying to resolve this as soon as possible so that the suffering of the people of the country will end as the earliest," Acharya said.

The constitution approved last month divides Nepal into seven new states, with some borders slicing through the Madhesi's ancestral homeland in the southern plains along the border. Madhesi, along with several other small ethnic groups, want the states to be larger and to be given more autonomy over local matters.

The Madhesis have close cultural ties with India, which has been supporting them and imposed an unofficial block-

ade, stopping the flow of oil and other essential supplies over the border.

Nepal obtains most of its fuel and other vital supplies from India. Cars are lining up for miles at gasoline stations, schools are shutting down, shoppers are seeing shortages of vegetables and hospitals are running low on medicine.

Many Nepalis believe India has been retaliating against their government, seeing the constitution as discriminatory toward the Madhesi community.

Indian officials deny there is a blockade and say drivers are afraid to enter Nepal. Nepalese authorities say there is no trouble at many cross-border checkpoints.

Bank of China is ordered to release counterfeiters' records

SHANGHAI (AP)—A New York judge has ordered the Bank of China to hand over detailed information about Chinese bank accounts used by a counterfeiting ring that allegedly sold millions of dollars of fake Gucci handbags and wallets in the U.S.

The decision could have far-reaching impact on the ability of U.S. courts to extract information about criminal activity from Chinese banks, which serve as safe havens for counterfeiters and money laundering on a large scale, investigations and lawsuits in the U.S. and Europe show.

Chinese banks have put up a fierce fight, claiming that such disclosures would be an affront to China's sovereignty. The case has drawn political attention from both sides, prompting inputs from both the Chinese Embassy in Washington and the U.S. Justice Department.

At stake are fundamental questions about whose rules Chinese banks operating in the U.S. must play by. Major state-run Chinese banks are frequently used by counterfeiters to move their ill-gotten gains beyond the reach of Western law enforcement, the Associated Press showed in an article this year.

China's financial system is also used to launder money, both by members of the Chinese diaspora and criminal groups of

other nationalities, lawsuits and investigations in Europe and the U.S. show. Yet under China's legal system, it's difficult to get detailed banking records that can help investigators trace the flow of criminal profits and to freeze illicit funds.

In the Gucci case, U.S. District Judge Richard Sullivan ruled that U.S. courts have jurisdiction over the Bank of China, which has four branches in the United States and claims to be the top choice for U.S. dollar wire transfers to and from China. Underlying his decision was a stinging dismissal of China's legal system and existing international mechanisms for judicial information sharing.

"Forcing Gucci to initiate this process in China would be significantly less efficient, extremely time consuming, and potentially fruitless," he wrote in the Sept. 29 order.

Chinese banks have been facilitating payments for Chinese counterfeiters, said Geoffrey Potter, an intellectual property lawyer at New York's Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler. If the banks can be compelled to reveal details about client accounts, it will be more difficult for counterfeiters to do business.

"Counterfeiting is a crime committed in order to make money," he said. "In order to get paid you need to be part of the banking system."



ASIAN BRIEFS

Indian cleric aims to stop Muslim youth from joining IS

NEW DELHI (AP)—The chief cleric of Bangalore's main mosque said Tuesday that he has advised the heads of hundreds of mosques in India's technology hub to actively counter propaganda by extremist Islamic groups by reaching out to young people in colleges and on social media. Mohamed Maqsood Imran, chief cleric of the city's Jamia Masjid, said he is urging Muslim clerics to alert young men and their families about attempts by groups such as Islamic State to recruit them. Imran said he wants Muslim leaders to caution people about the agenda of Islamic State extremists. "The mes-

sage we want to convey is that Islam stands for humanity and not violence and intolerance," Imran said by telephone from Bangalore.

Christian pastor survives knife attack at home in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—A Bangladeshi pastor survived an attempt on his life by three men who came to his home pretending to want to learn about Christianity, police and the victim said Tuesday. The attempt follows two killings of foreigners last week in the predominantly Muslim country grappling with violence claimed by hard-line Islamic groups. The Islamic State group claimed it had carried out last week's

attacks on a Japanese agricultural worker and an Italian aid worker. The IS claim has been rejected by Bangladesh's government, which accused the opposition of trying to destabilize the country. On Monday, the Rev. Luke Sarker, 52, suffered minor injuries when three men attacked him with a knife at his home in the northwestern district of Pabna, police official Siddikur Rahman said.

Yacht missing with 2 Britons, American, Canadian, Filipino

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A yacht carrying two Britons, an American, a Canadian and a Filipino disappeared while sailing in waters that were lashed by a storm last week, the Phil-

ippine coast guard said Tuesday. A coast guard search team on a plane Tuesday spotted what appeared to be a floating body, orange objects and an oil slick in the high seas about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of the northwestern Philippine city of Laoag, but it has yet to confirm if they were from the yacht *Europa*, coast guard spokesman Cmdr. Armand Balilo said. Hong Kong and the Philippines have dispatched planes and alerted ships in the area. The British embassy in Manila confirmed two of its nationals were on board. "We are liaising urgently with the local authorities concerning search and rescue operations and providing support to the families," it said in a statement.

World

Syrian rebels face a new reality amid Russian air campaign

BEIRUT (AP)—The U.S.-backed rebel group Tajammu Alezzah has been fighting the Syrian military outside the city of Hama for months, but a new player has joined the fray: Russian warplanes, which have repeatedly hit their front-line positions, followed by airstrikes from government planes.

Russia's bombing campaign, now a week old, has created a new reality for Syria's opposition. The rebels say the airstrikes are meant to weaken the rebellion against President Bashar Assad, not just crush the Islamic State and other militants as Moscow contends.

The Russian airstrikes, more powerful than those by the Syrian military, have hit along several key fronts, even attacking rebel bases along the border with Turkey. That's an area the opposition had considered to be relatively safe because Syria's air force has avoided it.

Rebel factions—moderates, Islamists and radicals alike—have had to evacuate some bases and move ammunition stores, according to opposition activists and rebel commanders. The rebels are calling for their regional backers, such as



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In this Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 file photo, a Russian SU-24M jet fighter armed with laser guided bombs takes off from a runway at Hmeimim airbase in Syria.

the Gulf countries and Turkey, to boost their support, including more sophisticated weapons like anti-aircraft missiles.

Many warn that the Russian intervention will only strengthen extremists like the Islamic State and al-Qaida's branch

in Syria by rallying people to their side, while the already beleaguered moderate forces are weakened further.

Maj. Jamil al-Saleh, the leader of Tajammu Alezzah, said his forces have had to re-

deploy to safer areas after 22 of his fighters were wounded in the airstrikes, but they have not withdrawn from the front-lines at Latamneh, a town north of Hama. The airstrikes were clearly intended to tip

the area to the government's favor, he added.

"The regime would like to reclaim this area after many losses," al-Saleh, a defector from the Syrian military, told The Associated Press. He

added that the military wants to achieve victories and "lift the spirits of the regime forces and Shabiha"—a reference to the pro-government militia.

Russia, a longtime ally of Assad, insists its campaign is solely intended to roll back Islamic militants, saying it is targeting the Islamic State group and other radicals like al-Qaida's branch, the Nusra Front, and hard-line rebel groups such as Ahrar al-Sham.

Some of the airstrikes have indeed targeted IS militants. On Tuesday, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, said Russian jets in the past 24 hours had carried out 34 airstrikes in and around the central city of Palmyra, which is held by IS, and outside the group's de facto capital of Raqqa.

An Islamic State operative denied there were any Russian hits on his group's locations.

"We benefit from this war and these (rival) coalitions," he said in a conversation via Skype, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk on the group's behalf.

NATO chief: Russian jets in Turkish airspace no accident

BRUSSELS (AP)—NATO's secretary-general on Tuesday rejected Moscow's claim that its military incursion into alliance airspace over Turkey wasn't intentional or important, saying there were two separate incidents and "the violation lasted for a long time."

Turkey's military, meanwhile, said more of its jets patrolling the border with Syria were placed in a radar lock by Russian planes and surface-to-air missile systems.

In Syria, Russian warplanes reportedly continued pounding targets in the country, where the Kremlin has come to the aid of beleaguered ally President Bashar Assad.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg told a news conference in Brussels that recent breaches of Turkish airspace by Russian warplanes were "very serious"—even dangerous.

"It doesn't look like an accident, and we've seen two of them over the weekend," he added.

The latest Russian airstrikes in Syria, in cooperation with Syrian jets, struck targets in rural areas of the northern Aleppo province, targeting the towns of al-Bab and Deir Hafer, Syrian state TV reported, quoting a military official.

Both towns are controlled by the Islamic State group. The official also said IS bases were

targeted in Palmyra and surrounding areas in the central Homs province, destroying 20 vehicles, three arms depots and three rocket launchers.

Meanwhile, the Syrian air force was said to have targeted areas in rural Latakia controlled by militants, with the military official reporting the death of at least 12 fighters, including two Turks, one Saudi militant from al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, Nusra Front, and one Palestinian.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group with a wide network of activists on the ground, said in the last 24 hours, Russia carried out at least 34 airstrikes in Palmyra and vicinity, areas controlled by IS.

Airstrikes also were reported in the rural part of the city of Raqqa, the group's de facto capital. The Observatory said at least 19 IS members were killed, including four in Raqqa in an airstrike that hit two vehicles and an arms depot. In Palmyra and its boroughs, the airstrikes were said to have killed 15 IS militants, struck 10 vehicles and an arms depot.

In a statement, NATO spokeswoman Carmen Romero said Stoltenberg later confirmed that NATO generals would be contacting their Russian counterparts about the violation of Turkish airspace.

New generation of disillusioned Palestinians drives unrest

SURDA, West Bank (AP)—A new generation of angry, disillusioned Palestinians is driving the current wave of clashes with Israeli forces: Too young to remember the hardships of life during Israel's clampdown on the last major uprising, they have lost faith in statehood through negotiations, distrust their political leaders and believe Israel only understands force.

The recent re-election of hard-liner Benjamin Netanyahu to a fourth term as prime minister has only deepened the sense of paralysis.

Some young Palestinians say

they want to emulate those killed or wounded in confrontations or attacks on Israelis—like Mohannad Halabi, the 19-year-old law student from the West Bank who stabbed to death two Israelis in a bloody rampage in Jerusalem's Old City over the weekend before being shot dead by police.

"We are all impressed with what he has done," said Malik Hussein, a 19-year-old friend and fellow law student at Al-Quds University near Jerusalem. "The day after the attack, university students took to the streets and clashed with Israeli soldiers. Mohannad's way is the

only way to liberate Palestine."

Despite such fervor and a rise in violence, it's not clear if conditions are ripe for a new uprising against the Israeli military occupation that began in 1967 when Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

Marked by Palestinian bombings and shootings, the last revolt erupted in 2000 and ebbed after Mahmoud Abbas, an opponent of violence, replaced the late Yasser Arafat as Palestinian president in 2005.

Abbas now walks a thin line. He is trying to prevent an

escalation that he believes will cost the Palestinians international sympathy, but can't be seen as cracking down on what Palestinians view as legitimate resistance to occupation. On Monday, Abbas ordered his security commanders to switch tactics and not use force to prevent Palestinian protests.

Much will depend on the severity of Israel's response. The most recent attacks killed four Israelis last week—the two Israeli men stabbed by Halabi and a Jewish settler couple killed in a West Bank shooting ambush, in view of their four children.

Nobel Prize for key discoveries about subatomic particles

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Two scientists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for key discoveries about a cosmic particle that whizzes through space at nearly the speed of light, passing easily through Earth and even your body.

Takaaki Kajita of Japan and Arthur McDonald of Canada were honored for showing that these tiny particles, called neutrinos, have mass. That's the quality we typically experience as weight.

"The discovery has changed our understanding of the innermost workings of matter and can prove crucial to our view of the universe," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the prize.

The work dispelled the long-

held notion that neutrinos had no mass.

Neutrinos come in three types, or "flavors," and what the scientists actually showed is that neutrinos spontaneously shift between types. That in turn means they must have mass.

Kajita, 56, is director of the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research and professor at the University of Tokyo. McDonald, 72, is a professor emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

McDonald told reporters in Stockholm by phone that the discovery helped scientists fit neutrinos into theories of fundamental physics.

Kajita, who initially told a news conference at his univer-

sity that "my mind has gone completely blank. I don't know what to say," went on to stress that many people had contributed to his work.

"The universe where we live in is still full of unknowns," he said. "A major discovery cannot be achieved in a day or two. It takes a lot of people and a long time."

The existence of neutrinos was first proven in 1956. They come from a variety of sources in the cosmos, on Earth and in Earth's atmosphere. Most that reach Earth were created by nuclear reactions inside the sun. Trillions pass through your body every second.

Kajita showed in 1998 that neutrinos created in Earth's atmosphere and captured at the

Super-Kamiokande detector in Japan had changed "flavors." Three years later, while working at Canada's Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, McDonald found that neutrinos coming from the sun also switched identities.

"It changes our understanding of the fundamentals of particle physics, and particles make up everything in the universe," said Robert G.W. Brown, chief executive officer of the American Institute of Physics.

Antonio Ereditato, director of the Albert Einstein Center for Fundamental Physics at the University of Bern, Switzerland, declared, "This is really one of the milestones in our understanding of nature."

Environment

Neighbors turn up the heat on Indonesia over forest fires

SINGAPORE (AP)—For weeks now, the quality of life in parts of Southeast Asia has been left to sheer chance—the direction of the wind. Every day, it alone determines which city will be shrouded by peaty white smoke blowing from burning forests in Indonesia.

Like neighbors who must tolerate the bad habits of the family next door, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have endured the annual problem of smoke that stings the eyes, irritates the throats and shuts down schools and airports. Now their patience is wearing thin, and harsh words are flying across the borders in a departure from region's non-confrontational etiquette.

"We all see it, breathe it; and there is no hiding," former Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong wrote on Facebook.

Some days, the smoke is so bad that the gleaming skylines of Singapore and Kuala Lumpur disappear in an all-encompassing grayness. More than 7,000 schools in peninsular Malaysia were shut on Monday and Tuesday, forcing some 4 million students to stay home. Fifteen final races of the Swimming World Cup meet in Singapore were canceled last week. Tourists are staying away. Respiratory problems are on the rise.

Some have tried to make light of the situation, including wedding couples in Singapore who have commissioned haze-themed photo shoots against famous backdrops.

"Indonesia needs to keep to its commitments. Regionally, countries are getting fed up that Indonesia is not coordinating this very well," Reuben Wong, a political science professor at the National University of Singapore, told The Associated Press.

Scientists predict the haze this year is on track to surpass 1997 levels when pollution soared to record highs in an environmental disaster that cost an estimated \$9 billion in health costs and lost revenue. A bad bout of haze resembles wintry fog, but laced with tiny particles of ash that are particularly harmful to the elderly, children and those with chronic heart and lung conditions.

According to the Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space, a total of 1,687 fires are burning in Sumatra, a giant island that runs parallel to the western coastline of Malaysia and surrounds Singapore, and in Kalimantan, a province on Borneo island, which is also occupied by Malaysia's Sarawak and Sabah states. Sometimes the wind carries the smoke far north across Malaysia into southern Thailand.

The culprits are well known. Big corporations set fire to forests every year to clear land speedily so the peaty soil can be



In this Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, file photo, a Malaysian police officer wears a mask as he stands in front of the Petronas Twin Towers shrouded by haze in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. AP

planted with rows upon rows of trees that will be eventually harvested for paper pulp and palm oil. Oil palm plantations earned revenue of \$18.5 billion in Indonesia last year.

"For them, burning the forest is the fastest, cheapest and most profitable method instead of clearing with heavy equipment," said Raffles Brotestes Panjaitan, the director of forest fire control in Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry. "Our regulation is clear—no burning of forests—but they violate the law for the sake of profits."

He told the AP that the intentional burning, especially on peat land, and the absence of rain because of the El Nino effect have worsened the fires this year. He described the burning ground as a vast smoldering stove with coal burning up to 10 meters (33 feet) deep.

The Indonesian government says more than 191 individuals and 47 corporations are under investigation. The license of one company has been revoked and three others suspended, and 72 people have been arrested. The government has also deployed some 22,146 soldiers, policemen and fire personnel in six provinces to fight the fires, with aircraft conducting water-bombing and cloud-seeding operations. Another 6,000 soldiers are expected to be deployed soon.

In September 2014, Indonesia ratified a regional agreement under which it promised to take steps to ease the problem through its own efforts and with international cooperation, or be held liable for the impact of haze on its neighbors.

But a long-term solution is

not around the corner.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo has pleaded for the patience, saying the haze is "not a problem that you can solve quickly." He added: "You will

see results soon, and in three years, we will have solved this."

The crisis led to a diplomatic spat of sorts when Vice President Jusuf Kalla said neighboring countries "already enjoy 11

months of clean fresh air from Indonesia" and shouldn't complain about one month of haze.

K. Shanmugam, a Singapore Cabinet minister, called the comment "shocking."

"How is it possible for senior people in the government to issue such statements, without any regard for their people, or ours, and without any embarrassment, or sense of responsibility?" he wrote on Facebook.

In Malaysia, a deputy minister suggested the government should seek compensation from Indonesia for financial losses, saying Malaysian street vendors saw their businesses plummet 30 percent in a month.

"It is ridiculous for them not to solve this problem," Chew Mei Fun told national news agency Bernama. "Children can't go to school. At the same time, nobody will come to visit Malaysia."

But while the fires are burning in Indonesia, its neighbors do share some responsibility. Some of the oil palm plantations conducting slash-and-burn work are owned by Malaysian and Singaporean companies, according to research by the nonprofit Centre for International Forestry Research.

"There are no easy solutions," said Heng Yee Kuang, an associate professor of international relations at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. "There needs to be better data collected on who is actually causing the forest fires."

In Loving Memory of our Beloved Joseph "Joe" Takai Camacho

Born on April 18, 1964 and called to eternal rest on October 5, 2015

Predeceased by:

Father & Mother:

Brother:

Sister:

Grandparents:

Uncles and Aunties:

Survived by:

Wife: Rose Gibbons Camacho

Children: Jocelyn G. Camacho, Lawrence G. Camacho, and Ria G. Camacho

Brothers/Sisters and In-Laws:

Maria C. Arizala (Jerlisa, Jessica, and Christopher)

Joanne T. Camacho (Sydney, Steven, Jaclyn, Nathan)

John T. Camacho (Regina, Keoni, Zoranelle)

†Lawrence T. Camacho (Leonardo, Leisha)

William T. Camacho & Valerie S. Camacho (Kaliko, Shanice, Jesse)

Rodney T. Camacho & Carmen C. Camacho (Ronie Cherise)

Uncles & Aunties:

Margarita C. Sablan, Cecilia T. Camacho, Victoria B. Camacho,

Shirley Camacho, Luis C. Benavente

Carlos L. & Trinidad T. Takai, Rufina Takai, Oscar L. & Sinforsosa C.

Takai, Salvador L. & Remedio A. Takai, Eleuterio L. & Magdalena L.

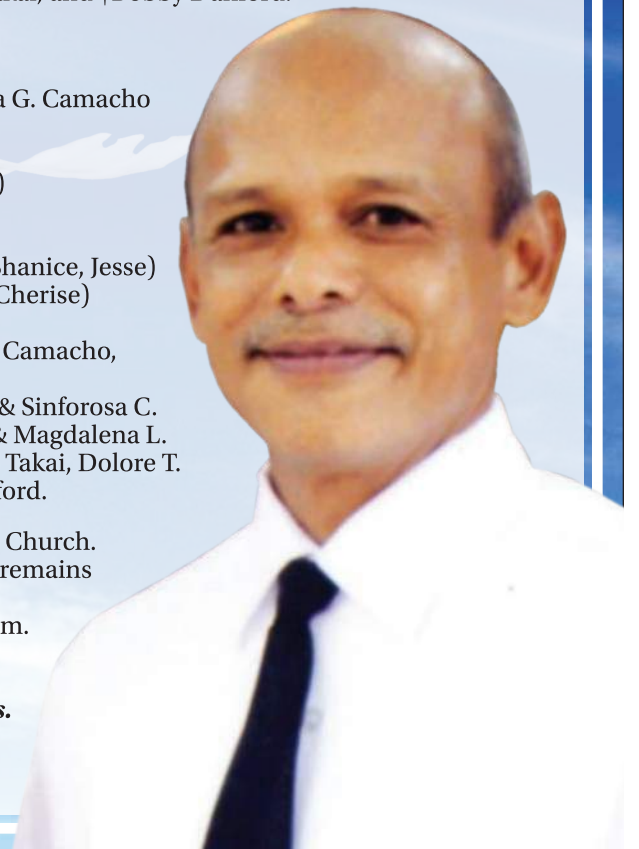
Takai, Juan L. & Rosie F. Takai, Ramon L. & Juanita I. Takai, Dolore T.

& Gregorio Arriola, Pablo K. Takai, Dorothea T. Danford.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at 6:00 am at Kristo Rai Church. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. His remains will be escorted from the CHCC Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment Service will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Maase. Thank you for your prayers.

Ginen I Familia



Life & Style

Fox probing claims 'Maze Runner' cast took artifacts

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Representatives from 20th Century Fox are trying to determine if actors took American Indian artifacts while filming "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" at a private New Mexico ranch.

Diamond Tail Ranch manager Roch Hart told The Associated Press that following comments by the film's star, Dylan O'Brien, the studio is investigating claims the cast took artifacts and will seek to return any stolen items.

"They want to make it right," Hart said. "Right now, we don't know if anything was removed, but we are taking the claims very seriously."

Chris Petrikin, a spokesman for 20th Century Fox, confirmed Tuesday that the studio was looking the matter.

"Twentieth Century Fox and The Scorch Trials production team take these issues very seriously and we are conducting a thorough investigation into the matter," Petrikin said in a statement. "If any artifacts were mishandled or removed from the location, we will do everything to ensure they are restored."

During an appearance on "Live with Kelly and Michael" last



In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Gary Hood, from left, Kaya Scodelario, Dexter Darden, Dylan O'Brien, Ki Hong Lee, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Alexander Flores and Bryce Romero appear in a scene from the film, "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials."

month, O'Brien said cast members took artifacts from the private ranch north of Albuquerque, despite warnings not to do so.

"They gave us this big speech when we got there to shoot, and they said, 'Don't take anything. Respect the grounds,'" O'Brien said. "They were very strict

about littering and don't take any artifacts like rocks, skulls ... anything like that. And everyone just takes stuff, you know, obviously."

O'Brien, 24, didn't say what was taken, but he said later illnesses were blamed on the artifacts that were removed from the

ranch. O'Brien said he also got sick, but it was unclear if he also admitted stealing any items.

A representative for O'Brien did not immediately return an email from the AP.

New Mexico Film Office director Nick Maniatis said his agency would work with 20th

Century Fox on the investigation.

"If artifacts were taken, we believe they should be returned immediately. Twentieth Century Fox has been extremely cooperative and shares the Film Office's concern and sensitivity toward the matter," Maniatis said.

Diamond Tail Ranch, which

sits between the Sandia and San Felipe pueblos, is near the historic Hispanic village of Placitas and an abandoned mining community. Jeep tours of the area bring tourists to the mountainous region where artifacts and petroglyphs can be spotted up close.

Hart said the ranch had been open for filming but had imposed strict rules.

"We charge \$10 per cigarette butt," Hart said. "And if cast members were caught stealing anything, they were kicked off the property. We didn't care if you were in the film or not."

Hart said 20th Century Fox officials told the ranch they want to find out if items were actually stolen or if O'Brien was embellishing a tale during his "Live with Kelly and Michael" appearance.

Maxine McBrinn, curator of Archaeology for the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture in Santa Fe, said it's illegal to take American Indian artifacts from public land, but not private land.

"Regardless, it's disrespectful," McBrinn said. "When you remove an item, you destroy the archaeological information in the contexts it provides. You have done damage to the information."

Model sues Bill Cosby over alleged 2008 sexual assault

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A model who has accused Bill Cosby of drugging her at the Playboy Mansion in 2008 sued the comedian on Tuesday for sexual assault.

Chloe Goins' lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles seeks punitive damages for a variety of problems she says she has endured since the incident, including mental anguish, loss of self-esteem and dignity.

"Bill Cosby touched an intimate part of Chloe Goins' body while she was seriously disabled and/or unconscious," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit is the third filed against Cosby since last year, when allegations of his sexual abuse began receiving new scrutiny. Three of his accusers are suing the comedian for defamation in Springfield, Massachusetts, because of statements released on his behalf that branded them as liars.

Cosby is also being sued in Los Angeles by Judy Huth, who claims Cosby molested her at the Playboy Mansion around 1974 when she was 15. Huth and Cosby's lawyers are scheduled to be in a Santa Monica courtroom on Wednesday to argue a motion over Cosby's upcoming deposition in that case.

Many of the accusations

against Cosby are barred from being prosecuted or filed as civil lawsuits because of statutes of limitations.

Cosby's attorney Marty Singer did not immediately return an email message seeking comment about Goins' lawsuit. He has previously denied the accusations and denied Cosby was in town on the date one of the model's lawyers has said the incident occurred.

Goins' lawsuit does not specify a date when the incident occurred, but states it is being filed under a provision that allows victims of underage sexual abuse to sue for several years after they turn 18.

Goins turned 18 in May 2008, which would place the incident several months before August 2008, the date her attorney Spencer Kuvin initially said the incident occurred on.

The AP doesn't normally identify people who say they are victims of sexual abuse, but Goins has come forward publicly in the lawsuit and at a January news conference.

The lawsuit includes a list of 40 women who have accused Cosby, 78, of some form of sexual misconduct, including several who have accused the comedian of drugging and as-

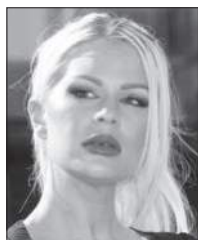
saulting them. Some of the women are identified only by pseudonyms they have given during news conferences with attorney Gloria Allred.

Goins' lawsuit states she met Cosby at the Playboy Mansion, who gave her drink that made her sick and dizzy, the complaint states. Cosby then offered to take her to a room to lie down, where she blacked out, according to the lawsuit.

When she awoke, the lawsuit states Goins was naked, her breasts were wet and sticky and Cosby was lower down on the bed biting one of her toes. The comedian left the room when Goins awoke and confronted him about what he was doing, the lawsuit states.

"Ms. Goins at no time gave Bill Cosby consent to touch her body in any way, let alone in a sexual manner," the lawsuit states.

The Los Angeles District Attorney's office said last week that it is reviewing a police investigation into Goins' allegations for a possible criminal case against Mr. Cosby. There is no timetable for when a decision will be made. Goins met with police detectives in January.



Goins

Johnny Cash, Miranda Lambert, Steve Cropper get stars

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Country stars Miranda Lambert and the late Johnny Cash, along with famed blues musician Steve Cropper, were honored Tuesday for helping to build Music City's reputation as a home for artists of any genre.

The three musicians, along with Gaylord Entertainment business executive E.W. "Bud" Wendell, were given stars on the Music City Walk of Fame in downtown Nashville, Tennessee.

Lambert, a two-time Grammy winner originally from Texas, said she first came to Nashville a decade ago as a contestant on the talent show "Nashville Star," but has spent the better part of her career on the road.

When she finally took some time off of touring and moved back to Nashville, she said she felt like it was home.

"I have never felt more inspired," Lambert said. "It was my first summer kind of off the road and I have never felt more ready to make music and learn from music and learn from musicians and songwriters."

Cropper got his start at Stax

Hanks finds student's ID card, sends tweet to find her

NEW YORK (AP)—If your name is Lauren then actor Tom Hanks is looking for you—but only if you lost your student identification card.

WNBC-TV reports Hanks



Tommy Cash, the youngest brother of the late Johnny Cash, picks a flower petal off the star presented to Johnny Cash on the Music City Walk of Fame Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

Records, in Memphis, Tennessee, as a guitarist with Booker T. and the M.G.s, The Mar-Keys and later as a member of the Blues Brothers with John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

But he was drawn by country and studio musicians, including Chet Atkins and Hank Garland, and moved about 30 years ago to Nashville, where he also has a studio.

found a card Tuesday belonging to a Fordham University student and tweeted a photo of it to find its owner. Hanks says "I found your Student ID in the park." He says if it's still needed

"I have always said that Nashville has some of the greatest musicians that have ever walked on the Earth, period," Cropper said.

Cash's youngest brother, Tommy Cash, accepted the honor on his brother's behalf. Wendell, an executive who helped to grow the Grand Ole Opry and Gaylord Entertainment, also was inducted.

his office will get it back to her.

The photo has been retweeted more than 3,000 times.

Hanks stars in the Cold War thriller "Bridge of Spies," which opens Oct. 16.

Thousands form human peace sign to honor John Lennon in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of people joined Yoko Ono in Central Park on Tuesday to try to set a world record for largest group of human bodies forming a peace sign.

The record attempt to honor Ono's husband, John Lennon, didn't succeed. Still, the crowd celebrated the upcoming birthday of the late Beatle, who would have turned 75 on Friday.

A Guinness World Records representative said the effort drew more than 2,000 people. At least 5,000 were needed for an official record, said Guinness adjudicator Philip Robertson.

That did not quell the spirit of the warm, sunny day that brought together everyone from aging hippies to schoolchildren not yet born when Lennon died.

He was fatally shot in 1980 at his apartment building on Manhattan's west side just across from Central Park.

More than three decades after her husband's assassination, Lennon's 82-year-old



A crowd gathered in Central Park to form a human peace sign to remember John Lennon and attempt a Guinness world record, raises their hands in a peace sign gesture, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, in New York.

widow summed up Tuesday's event using his famed lyrics, "Imagine all the people living in peace..."

She concluded: "This is the best present to John."

In 2009, 5,814 people formed a peace sign in Ithaca, New

York. But it was not clear whether participants stood in place in the shape of the symbol for at least five minutes, as required, and therefore no official record was set, Robertson said.

Ayeisha Bradley and her 9-year-old son, Salahedin Cal-

Rannazzisi apologizes on Howard Stern show for Sept. 11 lie

NEW YORK (AP)—Comic Steve Rannazzisi went on Howard Stern's satellite radio show Tuesday to apologize for lying about being in the World Trade Center during the Sept. 11 attacks, saying Stern's listeners "are the people I want to say I'm sorry to."

In a 40-minute interview Rannazzisi, who is on the FXX show "The League," said he will be going back to work as a standup comic and that he expects to be heckled for his lie.

"I'll deal with it as it comes," he said. "I just want to move on."

Rannazzisi became emotional in talking about his two children, aged 6 and 3, who don't know that their father told an untrue story about escaping from the World Trade Center. He said they don't understand why he has to go to his office and talk and they sometimes see him crying.

"I hope no one takes it out on them," he said. "You can yell at me, you can scream at me,

you can berate me, and I will sit there and take it," he said.

Rannazzisi lost a contract to do commercials for Buffalo Wild Wings in the wake of the revelation. He said the cast of "The League" cancelled an appearance at New York's Comic Con because they didn't want the story to be a distraction.

He described the story as a lie he told once and did not know how to extricate himself from it. The New York Times exposed his lie in a story.

Los Angeles judge finalizes Stevie Wonder's divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles judge has finalized Stevie Wonder's divorce from fashion designer Kai Millard Morris.

Superior Court Judge Christine Byrd finalized the pair's

divorce on Monday, more than three years after the Grammy-winning singer filed to end his second marriage.

Wonder and Morris were married in September 2001 and separated in 2009. The pair have two

sons together, ages 14 and 10.

The judgment states the 65-year-old Grammy winner and his ex-wife will share custody of their sons.

Wonder will also pay \$25,000 a month in child support.

Singer-songwriter John Mayer gushes about The Grateful Dead

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—Singer-songwriter John Mayer proudly declared himself a "Deadhead" as he defended members of the Grateful Dead in their decision to regroup after playing what was supposed to be the band's final tour this summer.

Mayer is rehearsing in a city north of San Francisco with three of the four remaining members of the band for a fall tour that kicks off Oct. 29 in New York, months after the Dead played to devoted fans who, in some cases, paid thousands of dollars for sold-out shows in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Chicago.

"I don't know of any Deadhead in the world who said,

"When I paid my money, I paid to see these guys finish this," Mayer said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press in the Marin County recording studios of singer and guitarist Bob Weir.

The Grateful Dead's Weir and percussionists Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann are part of Dead & Company with Mayer. Bassist Phil Lesh is not involved, although Weir in an earlier interview did not rule out the possibility of Lesh joining an upcoming show.

The Grateful Dead celebrated its 50th anniversary with five concerts in June and July, two decades after beloved guitarist Jerry Garcia died of a heart attack and long after releasing its

last studio album.

Still, younger fans continue to discover the jam band known for its live sessions and improvisation, including 37-year-old Mayer, who said he fell hard and fast for the music in 2011. He met Weir while guest-hosting the "The Late Late Show" in February and from there, the idea of collaborating evolved.

Weir said Tuesday that when they played together, he noticed Mayer "was answering back, and it was fun, and more fun than I was really going to be happy about just walking away from."

The band announced Monday that 5,000 fans will have a chance to win two tickets each to a Nov. 7 show at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Madonna announces second Bangkok show as part of world tour

BANGKOK (AP)—Madonna has added a second show in Bangkok for her "Rebel Heart" world tour after the first concert sold out in under an hour.

Thai media had hyped Madonna's first-ever show in the Thai capital as a "once-in-a-

lifetime experience" that would "make history" in Thailand.

Tickets for the Feb. 9 show went on sale Saturday and sold out within an hour, according to the Thai organizer, BEC-Tero. On Wednesday, the organizer announced a second show for Feb.

10 at Bangkok's Impact Arena, which seats 15,000 people.

Madonna's world tour comes to Asia in February, with two shows in Taipei, followed by Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Macau, Manila, Auckland and several stops in Australia.

Whistleblower is dismayed by lack of official response

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow in my early 50s. While I was dating a prominent OB-GYN, I found out that he's involved in criminal activity—operating a so-called "pill mill." On our last date he asked me to join an escort service he was starting.

I notified the medical board of the state he's practicing in and various government agencies. It amazes me that he is still practicing. He's doing abortions, which means he has access to vulnerable young women. Knowing this, I have lost trust in our medical establishment. Nothing seems to affect this man's success and practice.

I have given up and am moving far away. What should I do? Have I done everything possible? This is obviously a very difficult situation for me. I am deeply concerned about his patients. I'm getting therapy now for my trust issues because of this experience. Is there anything else I should be doing?

MS. X, SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR MS. X: Having notified the proper authorities about this man's activities, you have done everything you can. The only thing left is for you to concentrate on healing yourself, and your therapist can help you with that. I wish you luck in your recovery.

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DEAR ABBY: I wrote to you about my 97-year-old mother who was in failing health. My question was how to notify her out-of-

state elderly friends with news of her passing when the time came. My idea was to use her address book/Christmas card list for addresses and then print a copy of her obituary with a short message thanking those friends for their letters, cards and support during her life. You sent me back a note that positively reinforced my idea.

My mother passed away earlier this year. I mailed the letters and received a response from almost every single person. Each one thanked me for letting them know the sad news. With your encouragement, I was able to handle this matter with respect and dignity. Thank you so much.

GAYLE IN ARIZONA

DEAR GAYLE: You're welcome. I occasionally hear from readers asking if people I have advised actually follow my advice. I'm pleased my encouragement worked well for you. Thank you for letting us know.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for five years and have three wonderful children between us. Now, after a year of living together, we have begun to talk about marriage.

We are happy, but we are introverted people and our main focus at this time is on raising our kids. This has left us with few friendships and only a couple of close family members. If we do decide to get married, I'm worried about how many people we would be able to invite or if there would even be enough people to be in the ceremony itself. Do you have any sugges-

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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tions for this kind of situation?

SHY BRIDE IN KANSAS

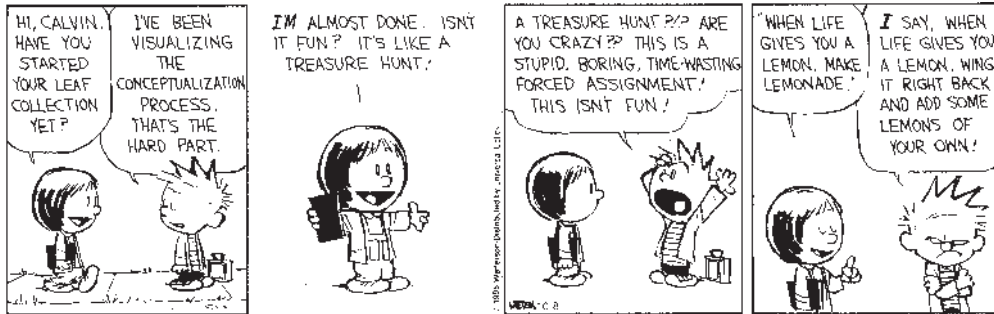
DEAR SHY BRIDE: Yes, I do. A wedding doesn't have to be big and fancy to be beautiful and meaningful. That's why I suggest you and your boyfriend be married quietly in a ceremony officiated by a justice of the peace or clergyman of your choice. Ask your relatives and close friends to accompany you while you take your vows and have a small celebration afterward commensurate with your budget.

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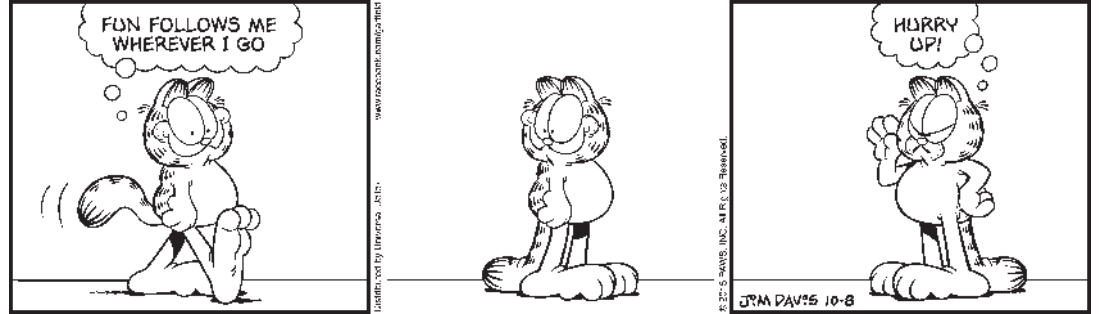
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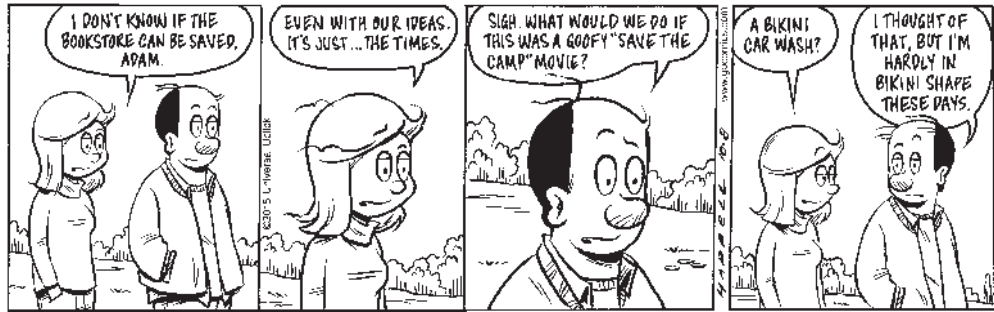
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Yesterday's answer 10-8


will develop. Don't let anyone push you in a direction that counters what you are trying to accomplish. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Strut your stuff and you will make an impression on someone who has something to offer you. Greater security will be yours if you speak up about the way you want to implement change. Travel and communication are highlighted. ☼☼☼

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Go over any last-minute changes when dealing with contracts or agreements you have with a personal or professional partner. You have to make sure you are both on the same page before you make a commitment. Strive for equality, not running the show. ★★★

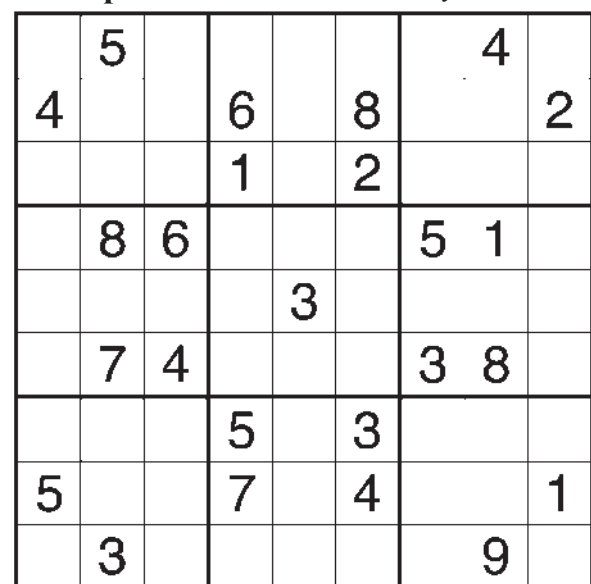
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Express your opinions and put your plans in motion even if you have to do so alone. Build greater security by implementing changes that add to your peace of mind as well as your bank account. Romance is encouraged, and favors will be granted. ★★★★★

 **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you take a unique approach, doors will open and offers will be made. It's up to you to put a little pressure on your peers and force your will in order to get what you want. ★★

 **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Participation is key, but so is staying within your means. Pick and choose what fits your interest and your budget. Someone you want to impress will dare you to take on too much physically, emotionally or financially. ★★★★★

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ ★


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 **CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't be too quick to give in or to take on someone else's responsibilities. Don't be too willing to do things for others. Charity begins at home, and that's where your interests should lie. Don't make unnecessary changes. ★★★

 **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a close watch on those you love. Speak up and make your point heard. Protect your interests and stand firm when it comes to dealing with loved ones. Use something from your past in order to get ahead now. ★★★



 **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): An opportunity will surface through someone you work with. Be ready to express your interest and your suggestions to improve whatever situation you face. You will stand out if you are aggressive and forward-thinking. ★★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward! Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

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Solution: 7 letters

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Keuchel sharp, Astros beat Yankees 3-0 in AL wild-card game



NEW YORK

(AP)—A year ago, no one could've pictured this. Yet here they were, Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros, soaking in champagne, merrily posing for a victory shot on the mound at Yankee Stadium.

After all that losing, this was one October win to remember.

Pitching on three days' rest for the first time in his career, Keuchel baffled New York for six innings of three-hit ball. Colby Rasmus and Carlos Gomez homered, and the Astros beat the Yankees 3-0 Tuesday night in the American League wild-card game.

"Nobody really gave us anything at the start of the year. And I don't think anybody gave us a shot at the end of the year," said Keuchel, the AL's only 20-game winner.

The orange-clad Astros, who secured their spot in this winner-take-all game on the last day of the regular season, advanced to the Division Series against the defending AL champion Royals starting Thursday night in Kansas City.

Aggressive from the start in their initial playoff appearance as an AL club—and first since being swept by the White Sox in the 2005 World Series—the Astros came out swinging against Masahiro Tanaka in front of a revved-up Bronx crowd.

Rasmus sent Tanaka's first pitch of the second inning soaring into deep right field. Gomez, who only had five plate appearances after missing nearly two weeks with a strained chest muscle in mid-September, connected on the first offering of the fourth.

"That really settled me down, and that's who we are," Keuchel said. "We hit a lot of home runs, pitch well and play defense."

AL hits leader Jose Altuve had an RBI single off All-Star reliever Dellin Betances in the seventh.

Reliever Tony Sipp walked one, and Will Harris and Luke Gregerson were each perfect for an inning to finish the three-hitter. The boos from the 50,113 stunned fans in the crowd grew with each out as Gregerson closed for a save.

The Astros raced to an area between first and second after Brian McCann grounded out to end it and jumped up and down in a big scrum. As he was coming off the field, Keuchel pumped his fists toward a group of cheering Astros supporters in orange shirts—a few in big black beards—behind the visiting dugout.

It was a celebration a few years in the making, a raucous 30-minute party in the visiting clubhouse that carried onto the field. The Astros had averaged 104 losses in their previous four seasons.

"Now we get to go to Kansas City. It's going to be some grind-it-out baseball," Rasmus



From left, Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro, relief pitcher Luke Gregerson (44), third baseman Luis Valbuena, and infielder Marwin Gonzalez, celebrate the Astros 3-0 shutout of the New York Yankees in the American League wild card baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015.

scoreless for 16 innings in two regular-season starts. On this much bigger stage, the lefty was just as confounding, dropping his slider and two-seam fastball seemingly wherever he wanted in striking out seven as nearly all his teammates and coaches stood along the dugout railing for every pitch.

When he gave up two singles in the sixth—bringing the crowd to its feet with Alex Rodriguez stepping into the batter's box—manager A.J. Hinch took a walk to the mound to give Keuchel a breather. Keuchel responded by getting A-Rod to fly out lazily to center field for his final out.

"He was as good as it gets," A-Rod said. "He was Greg Maddux from the left side."

Keuchel is the first pitcher with a scoreless postseason start on three days' rest since Josh Beckett pitched a shutout for the Marlins at Yankee Stadium in the clinching Game 6 of the 2003 World Series, STATS said.

Tanaka struggled with the long ball, giving up 25 homers in 24 starts this year. He only allowed two more hits in five innings but matched a season high with three walks.

said. "We have to come in there the way we came in tonight. It's going to be fun."

In a matchup of teams that surprised many by building big division leads and then wasting them, the upstart Astros, just two years removed from a 111-loss season, looked the more comfortable team in the October limelight.

They clowned around during pregame introductions, and

stayed loose the whole game.

The Yankees lost six of seven to close the regular season. Then before working out Monday, they learned CC Sabathia was checking into an alcohol rehab facility and would miss the postseason.

Despite all the talk of a playoff reset for the struggling lineup, New York went bust against a new nemesis in its first post-season game of the post-Derek

Jeter era.

"Just didn't get it done," manager Joe Girardi said.

Fans taunted the 27-year-old Keuchel the moment he walked to the outfield for warmups. Then he toyed with the Yankees from the first batter, striking out Brett Gardner looking.

"It's hard not to get up for a game like this," Keuchel said of pitching on short rest. "I've worked so hard the last four

years in the big leagues, especially with rebuilding with our team. I knew if we had a shot, I was going to give everything I possibly could."

Gardner, McCann, Chris Young and Girardi had words with plate umpire Eric Cooper as Keuchel cruised through New York's lineup for the third time this season.

The AL Cy Young Award contender held the Yankees

Yanks still have not led playoff game since Jeter got hurt

NEW YORK (AP)—The Yankees still have not led in a postseason game since Derek Jeter sprawled in the dirt three years ago, screaming in pain from a broken ankle.

A season-ending 3-0 loss to the Houston Astros in the winner-take-all AL wild-card game on Tuesday night should not have been a surprise. The 2015 Yankees overachieved just by reaching the postseason.

A seven-game lead in the AL East in late July caused the Yankees to think they could be a great team. That was forgotten during a slide that ended with an 85-75 record, a six-game deficit behind Toronto and a second-place finish.

"The wheels were flying off as the season went on," general manager Brian Cashman said outside the quiet clubhouse. "The longer it went, for some reason, the worse we started to get. Obviously, we lost some key guys, but also some guys just did not play the way they are capable of playing."

Manager Joe Girardi started two rookies in his infield during what turned out to be the Yankees' fifth straight postseason loss: first baseman Greg

Bird and second baseman Rob Refsnyder, who combined for exactly 200 career at-bats coming in.

"When we left spring training, it wasn't what I expected," Girardi said.

Following Jeter's retirement last fall, the Yankees arrived at spring training with uncertainty, fought through a summer of anxiety and injury and ended their season in misery, a great distance from their first World Series title since 2009.

"Maybe we were out of gas. Maybe we were too banged up," injured first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "We just kind of hit a wall at the end of the year."

On a night when Yankee Stadium had the red-white-and-blue bunting out for its loudest crowd this season, New York managed just three singles in six innings against Dallas Keuchel, who looked like a bearded lumberjack cutting down the Yankees' offense. New York didn't get any hits off the Astros' bullpen.

Masahiro Tanaka allowed five hits in five innings, but two were solo homers to Colby Rasmus and Carlos Gomez.

Dellin Betances gave up an RBI single to Jose Altuve in the seventh.

Coming off six straight losing seasons, Houston had more spark and spunk in its first postseason appearance since 2005. By the eighth inning, fans in the crowd of 50,113 started booing the home team's lacking batters.

New York reached the playoffs after a rare two-year absence, but in some ways the deforestation of the last great era Yankees' progresses without pause. Among the players swept by Detroit in the 2012 AL Championship Series, only two appeared against the Astros: center fielder Brett Gardner and designated hitter Alex Rodriguez. Teixeira hobbled onto the field with crutches for the pregame introductions, unable to play since he fouled a pitch off his right shin on Aug. 17.

Instead of being available out of the bullpen, former ace CC Sabathia checked into an alcohol rehabilitation clinic Monday.

Brought in last year at a cost of \$153 million as part of the renovation, center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury was dropped from

the starting lineup following a second-half slump. Gardner, kept in at Ellsbury's expense, struck out three times against Keuchel.

Rodriguez, who revived in the first half following his one-year drug suspension, seemed like he was zapped by Kryptonite around the time of his 40th birthday in late July.

"It's been an incredibly fun year overall," he said. Just feel grateful for the opportunity to come back and re-establish myself."

There is reason for hope among the younger Yankees. Didi Gregorius settled in as Jeter's successor at shortstop, getting better each month at the plate and in the field. Luis Severino, a 21-year-old right-hander, joined the rotation in August and showed promise, as did Bird and Refsnyder.

New York's most conspicuous flaw is its starting rotation: Tanaka, Sabathia, Michael Pineda, Nathan Eovaldi and Ivan Nova all ailed at times. Yankees starters averaged 5.72 innings per outing, according to STATS, 21st among the 30 major league teams and a reason Betances and Justin Wilson

deteriorated as late-inning relievers during the second half.

"Physically it's not a very healthy group in there right now at the end of the season. Guys are beat up," Girardi said. "But they never stopped playing. They never stopped playing hard."

David Price, who has helped led Toronto into the playoffs for the first time since 1993, is eligible for free agency and would slot in at the top of the rotation. But the left-hander is 30 and would come at the high price of a nine-figure contract that likely will lock the Yankees into his declining years. Zack Greinke, Jordan Zimmermann and Johnny Cueto also are on the high-cost, quick-fix free-agent market.

Change rarely occurs quickly in baseball, and rebuilding while maintaining a winning record is especially tricky. There are more touted prospects in the farm system now than during the previous dozen years, but the next title still seems a ways away.

"Obviously we're not good enough right now," Cashman said, "because we're not playing. So it's all that matters."

Caldwell says he's done talking about controversial play



ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP)—Jim Caldwell wants to turn his focus to Detroit's next game—and he's insisting his players do the same.

No more talk about the controversial ending in Monday night's loss at Seattle.

"I'm going to tell them not to talk about it," Caldwell said Tuesday. "We can't be hanging on something that happened a night ago that we can do nothing about."

Caldwell says he doesn't want the Lions to be distracted by more discussion of Calvin Johnson's fumble on Detroit's final possession Monday. The ball was knocked out of the back of the end zone by the Seahawks' K.J. Wright. Rather than flag him for illegally batting the ball, officials ruled the play a touchback.

Caldwell said he spoke with NFL VP of Officiating Dean Blandino on Tuesday, but the Detroit coach would not go into detail about that conversation.

Lions players were not available to reporters Tuesday. Caldwell began his news conference by talking a bit about the disputed play, but was un-

willing to say much more about it.

"I don't want it to linger. I don't want our guys talking about it because it's over and done with," Caldwell said. "As we looked at it from the sideline, we saw Calvin with the ball in his hand. The ball comes out and then I actually saw the young man bat the ball out."

Johnson fumbled just before reaching the end zone, but Blandino told NFL Network that Wright should have been called for illegally batting the loose ball, a penalty that would have given the ball back to Detroit at the Seattle 1-yard line.

"You can take that situation and drag it out through the week where your players are more focused in on that particular play than on the opposition that we have to face in just a few days," Caldwell said.

"You can act, 'Woe is me, that's a bad call, that went against us,' and look at all those kinds of things. That'll distract you and you'll get your ears kicked in come Sunday afternoon."

The Lions (0-4) are the only winless team in the NFL, and they face another tough opponent this weekend when they



AP

Detroit Lions head coach Jim Caldwell reacts from the sideline as officials ruled a touchback on a fumble by Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson that went out of bounds in the end zone late in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Seattle Seahawks, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Seattle.

NFL BRIEFS

Proposed NFL stadium in St. Louis secures naming rights deal

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The proposed riverfront NFL stadium in St. Louis has a naming rights deal worth \$158 million. National Car Rental has reached a 20-year agreement with the St. Louis Regional Sports Authority for what will become "National Car Rental Field." Officials with the stadium task force and National told The Associated Press about the deal on Tuesday. The St. Louis-based company will pay \$6.5 million in the first year, with a 2 percent annual inflation escalator every year after that. But the stadium is no sure thing and wouldn't open until 2019 at the earliest. The deal also hinges on St. Louis actually having a team when the facility opens. That's no certainty as Rams owner Stan Kroenke is seeking to move to Los Angeles. A league decision on relocation isn't expected until early next year at the earliest.

New Vikings stadium to include 500 works of art

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—When the Minnesota Vikings' new stadium opens next year, it will have an art collection that might be the envy of some museums. U.S. Bank Stadium will feature about 500 artworks, including roughly 200 commissioned paintings, sculptures, digital and installation pieces, plus 300

photos. The Vikings and the family of the team's owner, Zygi Wilf, are paying for all of the art, which is expected to cost "several million" said Tanya Dreesen, a team vice president. "This is a privately funded collection," Dreesen said. "We are excited to make everybody aware that we are paying these artists. It's putting artists to work, quite frankly, and their work will be displayed in public areas and our clubs and suites." The collection's pieces were created by 34 Minnesota artists, from nationally known talent to recent art school graduates. They even include ceramic art by former Vikings star Carl Eller. "I'm really excited about it and was very happy to be selected," said Eller, a Hall of Fame defensive end who turned to ceramics as a hobby and shows his creations at art fairs, according to the *Star Tribune*. The artists were picked from more than 1,100 applicants by Sports & The Arts, a California-based company specializing in stadium projects. All projects will be new designs specific to the stadium. "We were overwhelmed by the number of submissions, and they're very good artists, so I think the Vikings' stadium will top everything we've done before," said Camille Specia, a SATA partner. The company's previous clients include Yankee Stadium in New York City, the San Francisco 49ers' Levi's Stadium and the Marlins' ballpark in Miami.

host Arizona. The bad news continues to mount for Detroit—Caldwell said defensive tackle Tyrann Walker is out for the season with a dislocated ankle and broken leg.

Caldwell may not want his players to dwell on Monday night's questionable call, but it will be hard for Detroit fans to let this go. This is hardly the first time the Lions have felt aggrieved after a crucial call.

In 2010, Detroit lost a game at Chicago when what initially looked like a game-winning touchdown catch by Johnson was ruled incomplete.

Johnson got both feet and a knee on the ground before putting the ball on the grass and beginning to celebrate. It was ruled incomplete because he didn't maintain possession of the ball throughout the entire process of the catch.

On Thanksgiving in 2012, Houston's Justin Forsett scored on an 81-yard run against the Lions, even though replays clearly showed his knee and elbow touched the turf.

The play almost certainly would have been overturned by replay—all scoring plays are subject to review—but

Detroit coach Jim Schwartz had thrown his challenge flag. Thanks to a quirk in the rules, that meant the original play actually couldn't be reviewed and the touchdown stood.

Last season, Detroit lost a playoff game at Dallas after officials reversed themselves, negating what was initially announced as a pass interference call on the Cowboys in the fourth quarter. Caldwell said after that game that it might be time to allow more plays to be reviewed with instant replay.

That loss to Dallas ended Detroit's season, so if there's

any solace the Lions can take now, it's that they still have 12 games to try to turn things around.

After dropping their first four games, they look like a long-shot to make the playoffs, but Caldwell obviously feels their best chance of bouncing back from Monday's loss is to forget about the way it unfolded.

"It can work two ways, you can keep dwelling on it and feel sorry for yourself," Caldwell said. "Or you can get by it and move on and start focusing on your next opponent, and that's what we plan to do."

Future of 3 teams on agenda when NFL owners meet

NEW YORK (AP)—NFL owners will look west (Los Angeles), east (Europe) and south (Mexico) at their fall meetings Wednesday.

The owners will further consider the desire of three franchises—the St. Louis Rams, Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers—to move to Los Angeles.

Nothing will be decided at these meetings. There will be updates from the three teams, and representatives of those three cities will brief the 32 owners on any progress—or lack thereof—on stadiums in their regions.

Potential relocation fees if the league approves a move at some point also could be discussed Wednesday. So might temporary sites for those clubs in Los Angeles, where the

Rams hope to build a state-of-the-art stadium in Inglewood. The Chargers and Raiders are combining on a planned project for Carson, California.

No decisions on an actual move to Los Angeles can come before early 2016. However, at the owners' December meetings in Dallas, it's highly possible the NFL will open the window for relocation applications, letting any of the three teams formally apply.

The NFL has not had teams in Los Angeles since the Rams and Raiders both moved in 1995.

through 2025.

The league wants to add more such games to its international series—three are being played in London this year. The NFL is looking at more games in England and already has an agreement with Tottenham Hotspur of the Premier League for a minimum of two games a year over 10 years once Spurs open their new stadium in London. That is due for 2018.

The NFL already has played one regular-season game in Mexico City in 2005 and is trying to land another one there, likely next year.

"Mexico no doubt is a strong market for us. Obviously, we have a huge fan base, probably the biggest outside of the U.S.," said Mark Waller, the league's executive vice president/international. "Definitely,

we are looking broadly at Mexico, and if we are going to start looking at an international series game, we would definitely look at Mexico City."

Germany also is a possibility, with several of its cities making preliminary bids for a regular-season game. Waller has said Brazil is a potential candidate; the Pro Bowl has been mentioned as one possibility for the South American country.

Regardless of whether the league chooses to play in any of those nations, it certainly will head back to England each year. The grand plan apparently is to hold as many as eight international games a season. There's even talk that every franchise will be required to give up a home game over the next decade or so and play that game abroad.

Hornets: Kidd-Gilchrist out 6 months after surgery



CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Charlotte Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist is expected to miss six months after having right shoulder surgery Tuesday night.

The team's top defensive player tore his labrum and dislocated his shoulder in a pre-season game Saturday night against Orlando.

Kidd-Gilchrist elected to have surgery after consulting with team orthopedist Marcus Cook earlier in the day. Had he not opted for surgery, the chances of reinjuring the shoulder were much higher.

Hornets coach Steve Clifford plans to spend the rest of the preseason looking at different combinations to fill the void left by Kidd-Gilchrist.

Clifford said the injury is a "hit" to the Hornets, but said the injury will give a chance for others to emerge.

Clifford hasn't decided who will replace Kidd-Gilchrist but said Nicolas Batum is expected to see more action than first expected at small forward. He was originally expected to start at shooting guard.

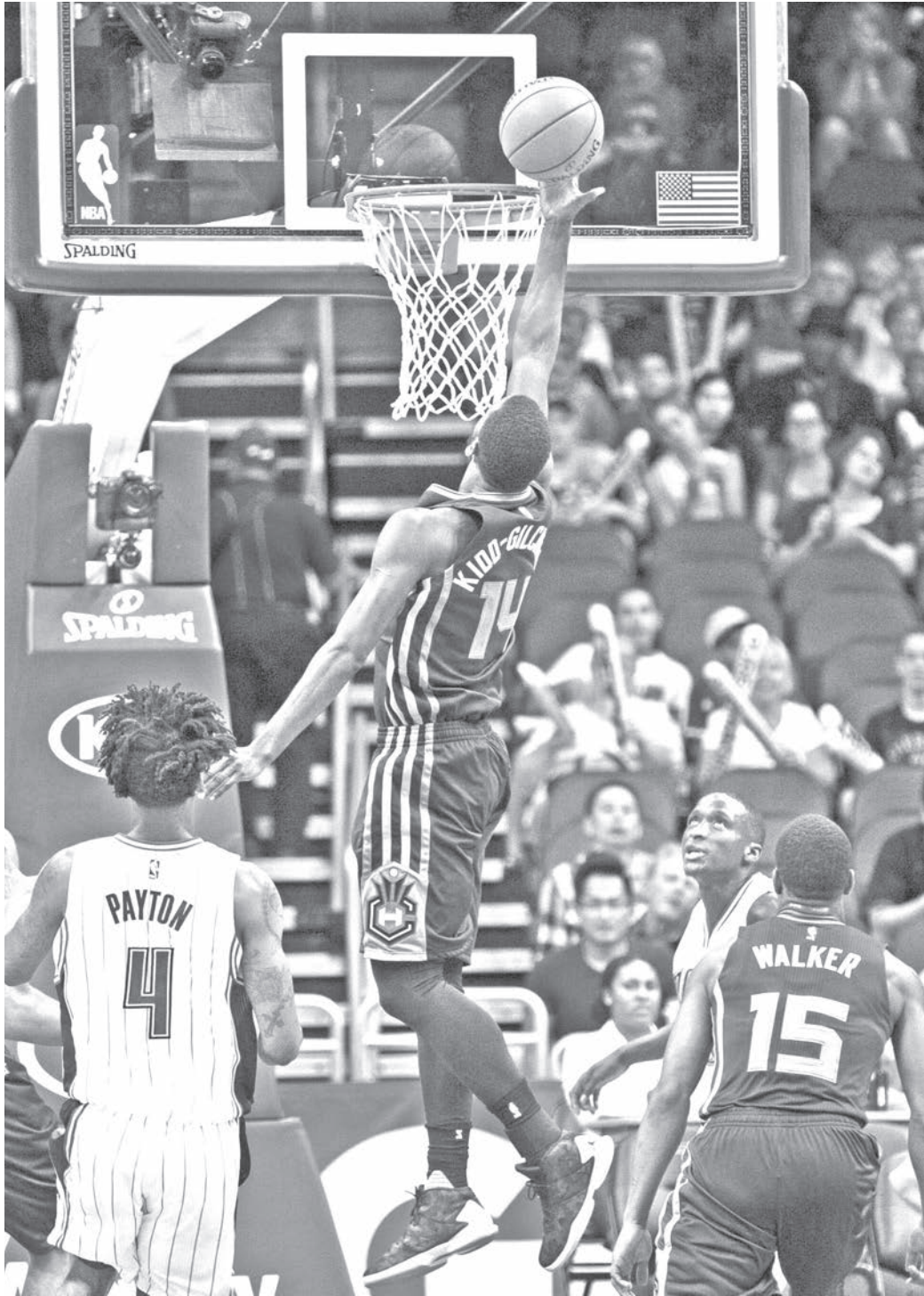
The third-year coach said the injury opens the door for P.J. Hairston or Jeremy Lamb to start at the No. 2 spot.

Lamb spent three seasons in Oklahoma City and has started just eight games. His best season came in 2013-14 when he averaged 8.5 points on 43.2 percent shooting. Hairston played in 45 games as a rookie and averaged 5.6 points in 15.3 minutes, shooting just 32.3 percent from the field.

Given the numbers, it would seem Lamb would have the edge, but Clifford expressed some reluctance about taking Lamb off the second team, where he feels he's a good fit alongside backup point guard Jeremy Lin.

Another option is keeping Batum at shooting guard and playing Marvin Williams at small forward.

"One of the things we were



able to do over the offseason is improve our depth, so we have some guys who I feel are ready to emerge," Clifford said. "I still feel really good about our team."

Kidd-Gilchrist won't be easy to replace.

The Hornets gave him a four-year, \$52 million contract extension this offseason knowing he's their top defensive player, someone who is regularly matched up against the opposition's go-to scorer in the fourth

quarter. At 6-foot-7, Kidd-Gilchrist is able to guard a number of positions effectively.

The Hornets were 28-29 with Kidd-Gilchrist on the floor last season and 5-20 without him.

"I think he was ready to really get to another level," Clifford said. "He put so much into the summer. He has worked so hard and he was playing really well."

Teammates noticed it, too.

Point guard Kemba Walker said Kidd-Gilchrist had spent endless hours in the gym looking to improve his shot.

Walker spoke with Kidd-Gilchrist and said: "He's trying to stay positive. And we are going to try to stay positive with him. We just have to work that much harder."

RECOVERY

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weeks to clear the entire golf course and we opened the entire 18 holes after one month. We also have our own crew that helps in maintaining the golf course," he added.

"We even rented a backhoe for clearing the big trees and we also managed to put up 95 of the trees that fell down but there were few which couldn't be saved."

"The golf course lost around \$20,000 in revenue in the one month that we were closed. But slowly, the local and tourist players are coming back," said Park.

"An average of 80 play during weekdays and we're busy during weekends with the local golf associations, tourists, and other individuals."

Park added that November

would be a peak season for COP as they are expecting a huge jump in tourist arrivals from China, Japan, and Korea.

"It is already winter there and they could not play golf. We expect them to come to Saipan to play, especially the avid golfers. Saipan has the perfect weather and climate, no typhoons during the month of November."

The Larry Nelson-designed, par-72 layout was constructed on the seaside of Agingan Point, Saipan's southern coastline. It opened in 1988 and is just a few minutes away from the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Hole No. 14 is also adjacent to Saipan's rocky coastline that offers a view of Tinian and the Philippine Sea as backdrop. COP's 18-hole golf facility is also known to be the longest golf course on Saipan.

Charlotte Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (14) lays the ball up as Orlando Magic guard Elfrid Payton (4) and Charlotte Hornets guard Kemba Walker (15) watch during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015.

Defense lawyer: White officer targeted black NBA player

NEW YORK (AP)—A white police officer singled out a black professional basketball player as he filed out of a trendy nightclub this year, sparking a confrontation that resulted in the player's arrest and a season-ending leg fracture, a defense lawyer told jurors Tuesday.

"I don't know what he saw," attorney Alex Spiro said of the officer, JohnPaul Giacona, who first told the Atlanta Hawks' Thabo Sefolosha to clear the area early on April 8. "I think he saw a black man in a hoodie."

Sefolosha, 30, has been charged with misdemeanor obstructing government administration, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He pleaded not guilty and refused a plea deal.

But a prosecutor said Tuesday that the 6-foot-6-inch Sefolosha acted entitled and disdainful to officers trying to clear hundreds of people off a street following an earlier stabbing outside the club by calling the 5-foot-7-inch Giacona "a midget."

"The defendant does not think he needs to obey the law," assistant district attorney Jesse Matthews said. "He does not like being told what to do."

Giacona had just completed three years on the job.

The case stems from a struggle outside the 1Oak nightclub in Chelsea after Indiana Pacers forward Chris Copeland and two women were stabbed.

Officers from a cabaret unit charged with patrolling area bars and clubs responded to that stabbing and were ordered to move hundreds of partygo-

ers off the block, a police sergeant testified Tuesday. It was in that process that Sefolosha, his teammate Pero Antic and two women were told by Giacona to leave the block.

Charges against Antic have since been dropped.

Sefolosha disobeyed those orders, then charged at an officer whose back was turned before he was stopped by officers and eventually taken to the ground and arrested, court documents show.

But pressed by Spiro during cross-examination, Giacona acknowledged that although he had previously said he asked Sefolosha to move off the block six times he could only remember doing so at least three times. He also said he didn't know how the Swiss national's leg was injured or hear the sound of batons being deployed.

Spiro played video surveillance footage for jurors showing that there were patrons closer to the crime scene tape than Sefolosha and his friends were.

Six police officers will be called as witnesses for the prosecution, but the judge, Robert Mandelbaum, has denied a defense motion to view their personnel files.

Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said the court case was on his mind Tuesday.

"I think we all care about Thabo," he said. "I'm hoping for the best. To be put in a little of a tough spot, going through this, is not easy for him or his family. ... But I just want the best outcome for him. He's such a good person."

BOWLING

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things," Tenorio added.

The closure of the SBC prevented Saipan Bowling Association from holding its August, September, and October monthly roll-offs.

SBA secretary general and treasurer Ross Zapanta, in a separate interview, said they have no choice but to wait for the re-opening of SBC to resume their monthly competitions. He added that other bowlers are also busy in the recovery efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

Once SBC resumes its operations, Zapanta said SBA may try to hold two monthly tournaments for two days to make up for the backlog and finish the 2015 season. SBA usually holds the monthly competition for two days and schedules the season-finale every January. The

year-end roll-off features the 12 monthly winners and they will battle for the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes titles.

Before the closure of SBC, five female bowlers have won monthly crowns with Diana Camacho prevailing in February, March, and July and her daughter Carrie in June. Diana Chong (January), Gloria Omechelang (April), and Tess Fabie (May) were the other monthly champions.

In the men's division, Raymond Angeles made it back-to-back in January and February, while Robert Talavera duplicated the feat in February and March. Edward Baluyan topped the May roll-off, while Ruselle Zapanta and Raul Dumapit ruled the June and July tournaments, respectively.

Besides the King and Queen of the Lanes tournament, the Saturday and Thursday night leagues also hold competitions at SBC.

DICKINSON

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the squad coached by former El Salvador youth national team member Jose Pipo Castillo.

"I'm doing great. My teammates and coaches are always there to push me to my limits, which I think every player needs so they will be the best. I learned a lot just after Day 1 with the program and every day, I continue to learn more things and strive to become a better player," Dickinson added.

Before making it to College of the Desert, Dickinson last suited up for the CNMI National Team that played against Sensu University and Japan Soccer College early this year. He was also part of the Ayuyus,

who recorded a historic win against Macau, 2-1, in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup in Guam in July last year.

The long-time Paire Football Club member was on the CNMI U15 National Team, too. Dickinson and company competed in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament in Chinese-Taipei and handed the Commonwealth its first-ever victory in an international competition after topping Macau, 2-1.

With his inclusion on the Roadrunners roster, Dickinson became one of the several CNMI players who got a chance to play in the collegiate level, joining Enrico Del Rosario, Bo Barry, Lucas Knecht, and John Taisacan.

GMJ/IKKI sweeps debut games

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GMJ/IKKI Wholesale went 2-0 in their debut games in the 2015 San

Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after winning their masters and open assignments last Monday at the San Antonio court.

In the masters division, GMJ/IKKI cruised past CES Electronics, 79-55, while in the open category the former nosed out Pacman, 71-70.

J.R. Barrios made the winning basket with his free throw, while Rocyl Ritual muffed a chance to hand Pacman the victory, as his banked jumper from the left corner went short as time expired.

GMJ/IKKI had to rely on Barrios' free throw shooting after it lost the baker's dozen lead it established at the end of the third period, 54-41. Pacman overhauled the deficit behind its balance offense as Ritual and four of his teammates contributed at least two baskets apiece in the fourth-quarter fight-back. Ritual led Pacman's rally with his 8 markers in the fourth before his sorry miss

at the buzzer, while Barrios had only 4 points in the entire match, but nailed GMJ/IKKI's last 2 from the foul line.

Saipan basketball newcomer Joshua Melendez top-scored for GMJ/IKKI with his 21 points, 13 of them came in the third quarter and after he sustained a cut at the lower left eye. Juan Camacho was the other double-figure scorer for GMJ/IKKI with 10, while James Villacrusis, Marlon Sison, and Ignacio Borja combined for 24 more points.

The GMJ/IKKI-Pacman tiff was the first pairing in the East Division of the open competition. The group also has Pacific Islands Club, Ghasias Brothers, GMI Market, Armatech, World Resort, and Ferrera Builders, while the West Division is composed of opening day winner MJD Corp., Sonics, KB Market, Islander, Ask Y U B, 5 Star, Blue Haus Ali'i, and Maplas.

In the masters division, GMJ/IKKI hit the win column of the nine-team field after it outclassed CES Electronics.

Dennis Cortez paced GMJ/IKKI with his 22 points and drew help from lefties Fradel Sedillo and Joseph Galulu, who chipped in 13 and 11 markers, respectively. Sonny Ebuena was the lone double-figure scorer for

CES Electronics, registering 14.

GMJ/IKKI fell behind at the end of the first period, 14-16, but started dominating CES Electronics in the second en route to the 14-point winning margin.

Masters

GMJ/IKKI 79 – Cortez 22, Sedillo 13, Galulu 11, Montano 8, Dizon 6, Guiang 6, Sison 5, Saplan 4, Balgos 2, Demapan 2.

CES 55 – Ebuena 14, Tibayan 9, Abadilla 9, Dacumos 7, Tengco 6, Capuyon 5, Tobias 4, De Jesus 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-16, 41-23, 60-40, 79-55.

Open

GMJ/IKKI 71 – Melendez 21, Camacho 10, Villacrusis 9, Sison 8, Borja 7, Dizon 6, Mangali 6, Barrios 4.

Pacman 70 – Laguimdan 13, Ritual 12, Rangamar 10, Lerio 9, Tabora 6, Zalgatar 6, Borita 4, Tgle 3, Sablan 3, Lizama 2, Capalad 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-12, 26-27, 54-41, 71-70.

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GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's Joshua Melendez is fouled by Pacman's Jun Tabora during the third quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Monday at the San Antonio caging.



Bike race for a cause on Oct. 24



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Cyclists will again litter the roads of Saipan on Oct. 24 when the annual Bike For Life returns. The event is also considered as a warm-up race for the Hell of the Marianas.

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The annual Bike For Life 50-kilometer race will be held on Oct. 24, Saturday,

at 6am with the start and finish line set in front of the Pacific Islands Club-Saipan in San Antonio.

Registration fee for the race event, which proceeds will benefit the Commonwealth Cancer Association, is \$10 each that includes a continental breakfast.

Forms are available at the PIC front desk and the deadline for submission of entries is on Oct. 22.

Participants can choose to join in the mountain or road bike events in the male and female divisions.

Organizers will allow triathlon bikes provided that bikers will not use tribars for safety purposes. They will also require a minimum of 16-spoke wheels and mountain bike tires must be at least 1.6 inches or larger in width, while 1.5 inches or less is the required tires for road bikes.

The race route starts at PIC's south parking lot and heads toward Airport and Tun Herman Pan roads before turning right to Isa Drive where riders continue down to in Capitol Hill.

From Capitol Hill, bikers will turn right to Chalan Pale Arnold and go to Wing Beach where the U-turn slot is located. From Wing Beach they will head back to Beach Road until they reach the finish line at PIC.

A parent or guardian's consent form must be signed if the participant is under the age of 18.

Last year, veteran Nap Dizon bested youth riders Erico Castro and Jerome Diyco in the road bike event. Castro and Diyco finished second and third.

George De Guzman topped the MTB division, while Edwin Morales and Noel Altamirano settled for second and third, respectively.

Jacklyn Van Natta won a two-cornered fight against Lynn Tenorio in the female MTB category, while Susan Marchitti bested Beth Kohnon in the road bike.

Pepsi, Monster, Calvo's Insurance, and IT&E are also supporting the event that will give out medals and other prizes to the Top 3 male and female riders.

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Perpetual trophy up for grabs in dodgeball tourney

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The Pacific Islands Club will once again play host to its annual dodgeball tournament on Oct. 24 at the tennis courts of the San Antonio hotel resort.

Bragging rights and the chance to keep the perpetual trophy in your school for a year will be up for grabs when Pacific Islands Club hosts its annual dodgeball tournament on Oct. 24, Saturday, at the

tennis courts of the San Antonio hotel resort.

Organizers had sent out invitations to all public and private elementary schools to fill the 16 slots available for the said tournament.

Teams must be composed of five boys and five girls from grades 1 to 5. Rules of the tournament will be the same and all elementary grade levels must join.

Seeding will begin in the morning of Saturday, starting at 9:30am, after the captain's meeting. The double elimination and knockout games will be held in the afternoon session.

PIC Sports, Entertainment, and Activities director Glenn Policare said this year's edition is free of charge after Seventh Day Adventist Dental Clinic, in cooperation with Bridge Capital and the hosts, shouldered the expense.

"We have hosted this tournament for a number of years now. It has always been a hit with the kids and teachers alike," added Policare, also the tournament director.

"In the past, we tend to only see the older kids out on the court. This year, we are asking the schools to include all grade levels to keep the teams evenly balanced," added Policare.

The Top 2 schools will be receiving sports goods while all students will get tournament shirts and free lunch.

For more information and how to get the registration packet, call Policare at 2475148 or email him at glenn.policare@picsaipan.com.



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Bowling tourneys remain on hold

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Local bowling tournaments remained suspended as the Saipan Bowling Center is still under repair.

Shine Tenorio of JET Holdings, which owns and operates the lone bowling alley on Saipan, said repairs are ongoing as the facility was hit hard by Typhoon Soudelor that struck the island last Aug. 2.

"We are doing our best to get things done. We have seven people doing the repair work and at this time, we can't tell when we are going to reopen the bowling alley," Tenorio said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

JET Holdings is working on the leaking roof of the bowling alley and other damage it sustained during the typhoon.

There is also no power at the facility and their generator also broke down.

"Initially, we targeted to open first week of November, but there's lot of things to be done. Hopefully, we can reopen before the year ends. We are after the safety

of the players and other patrons so we don't want to rush

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Bowling Center is still undergoing repairs with JET Holdings working on its leaking roofs and other damage it sustained from Typhoon Soudelor last Aug. 2.

An Oceanside view awaits golfers at Coral Ocean Golf Resort's hole No. 14. The golf course south of Saipan sustained minimal damage when Typhoon Soudelor hit the island and was fully operational after one month.



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Cooperation key to COP's quick recovery

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The combined efforts of Coral Ocean Golf Resort's staff, management, and several of their hotel guests is the reason why the 18-hole golf facility in Koblerville opened in less than a month after Saipan was hit hard by Typhoon Soudelor.

"It was all a joint effort. Even our hotel guests were happy to join in since they already wanted to play golf on the course," COP sales and marketing manager Taewon "Willy" Park told

Saipan Tribune yesterday.

"Our guests were happy and appreciated how they were taken care of when the typhoon came. That's why as a show of gratitude, they helped in clearing the golf course of the debris," he added.

Park said that at least 80 people were at the COP hotel during the typhoon. "They were the ones who volunteered to help."

"The winds were also not that strong in the south side of Saipan, in Koblerville, that's why the golf course had mini-

mal damage. It took us one month to clear all the debris."

Golf course supervisor Max Concepcion added that around 100 trees on the golf course either fell or were uprooted.

"These are some of the big trees around the golf course. Two days after the typhoon we started the clean up and clearing operations. That's why after almost a week, we managed to partially open holes 1 to 9," said Concepcion.

"It took us another two

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Dickinson red-shirts for College of the Desert

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Former CNMI National Team member Ethan Dickinson made it to the official roster of a collegiate team in California.

Dickinson is one of the 28 players listed on the College of the Desert's lineup for the 2015-2016 season. The team known as Roadrunners competes against several community colleges in

California and in the Foothill Conference.

"I'm red-shirting this season. I'm adjusting to college level play pretty well," the Saipan Southern High School graduate said.

The 19-year-old player is the College of the Desert's goalkeeper and one of the many rookies on



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Ethan Dickinson, back row seventh from left, poses with his teammates and coaches at College of the Desert during a break in their training session last month in California.